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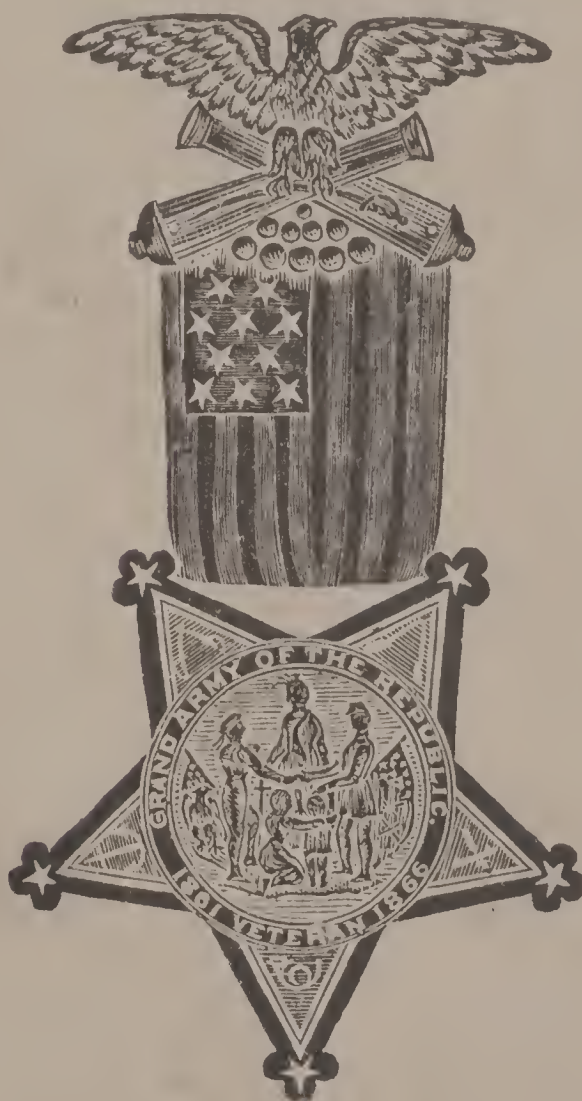
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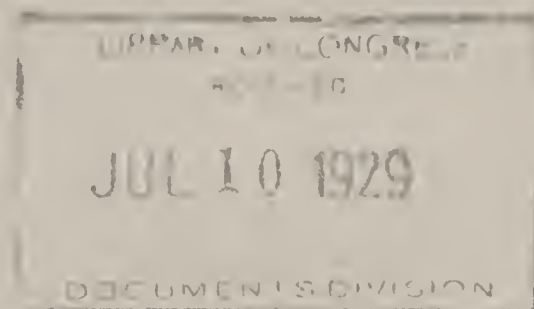
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PUBLIC RESOLUTION NO. 25, SIXTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the proceedings of the national encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans, and the American Legion, respectively, shall, with accompanying illustrations, be printed annually hereafter as separate House documents of the Congress to which they may be submitted.

Approved, June 6, 1924.

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## LETTER OF SUBMITTAL

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GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
*Los Angeles, Calif., March 1, 1929.*

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

There is transmitted herewith the Journal of the Sixty-second National Encampment Grand Army of the Republic, held at Denver, Colo., September 16 to 21, 1928, which is submitted, as provided in Public Resolution No. 25, Sixty-eighth Congress, approved June 6, 1924, for printing as a House document.

WILLIAM H. NOLL,  
*Past Adjutant General.*





# ENCAMPMENT ROLL LIST OF COMMITTEES

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE SIXTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The total number of names appearing on the roll of the Sixty-second National Encampment, as shown by the following table, is 1,443. Deducting previously reported, the net voting strength is 1,306.

National officers, past national officers, departments	Department officers	Representatives	Past department commanders	Past senior vice department commander	Past junior vice department commanders	Total	Deduct previously reported	Net voting strength
National officers entitled to vote						10		10
National Council of Administration						43		43
Past commanders in chief						11		11
Past senior vice commanders in chief						17	2	15
Past junior vice commanders in chief						11	7	4
Alabama	4	1	10		1	16	2	14
Arkansas	4	2	12	4	2	24	3	21
California and Nevada	4	26	28	14	13	85	5	80
Colorado and Wyoming	4	5	9	6	7	31	3	28
Connecticut	4	5	9	4	1	23	1	22
Delaware	4	2	9			15	2	13
Florida	4	4	14		2	24	3	21
Georgia and South Carolina	4	1	10	1		16	7	9
Idaho	4	2	10	7	5	28	3	25
Illinois	4	28	13	13	8	66	2	64
Indiana	4	18	15	7	4	48	2	46
Iowa	4	19	13	9	5	50	5	45
Kansas	4	18	9	4	8	43		43
Kentucky	4	4	7	1	1	17	3	14
Louisiana and Mississippi	4	2	4			10	1	9
Maine	4	6	12	7	5	34	2	32
Maryland	4	3	11	5		23	5	18
Massachusetts	4	19	11			34	3	31
Michigan	4	12	7	13	6	42	2	40
Minnesota	4	7	14			25	4	21
Missouri	4	9	11	3	6	33	2	31
Montana	4	2	12	1		19	2	17
Nebraska	4	8	12	1	5	30	3	27
New Hampshire	4	4	12			20	1	19
New Jersey	4	6	13	6	2	31	3	28
New Mexico	4	1	10			15	5	10
New York	4	30	14	6	5	59	4	55
North Dakota	4	2	16	3	2	27	3	24
Ohio	4	32	11	9	5	61	3	58
Oklahoma	4	4	17	5	1	31	5	26
Oregon	4	7	14	5	4	34	3	31
Pennsylvania	4	35	8	16	7	70	3	67
Potomac	4	3	13	3		23	7	16
Rhode Island	4	3	8	1		16	2	14
South Dakota	4	3	13	2	3	25	5	20
Tennessee	4	2	10	3	3	22	1	21
Texas	4	2	11			17	3	14
Utah	4	2	8	2	3	19	3	16
Vermont	4	5	13	3	2	27	2	25
Virginia and North Carolina	4	2	1			7	1	6
Washington and Alaska	4	8	14	17	17	60	4	56
West Virginia	4	3	8			15	2	13
Wisconsin	4	11	14	3	4	36	3	33
Total	172	368	490	184	137	1,443	137	1,306

# ROLL OF THE SIXTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

DENVER, COLO., SEPTEMBER 16-21, 1928

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## NATIONAL OFFICERS

*Commander in chief*

ELBRIDGE L. HAWK, Sacramento, Calif.<sup>1</sup>

*Senior vice commander in chief*

CALVIN A. BRAINARD, Buffalo, N. Y.<sup>1</sup>

*Junior vice commander in chief*

SAMUEL E. MAHAN, St. Paul, Minn.<sup>1</sup>

*Surgeon general*

Dr. HENRY A. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.<sup>1</sup>

*Chaplain in chief*

J. KING GIBSON, National Soldiers' Home, Ohio<sup>1</sup>

*Adjutant general*

WILLIAM H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.<sup>1</sup>

*Quartermaster general*

COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.<sup>1</sup>

*Judge advocate general*

JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.<sup>1</sup>

*Inspector general*

WALTER L. FUNK, Grand Rapids, Mich. (died in office June 12, 1928)<sup>2</sup>

*National patriotic instructor*

CHARLES W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio<sup>1</sup>

*Assistant adjutant general*

GEORGE W. GRANNIS, Turlock, Calif. (died in office November 18, 1927)<sup>2</sup>

JOHN J. STEADMAN, Los Angeles, Calif.<sup>1 3</sup>

*Assistant quartermaster general and custodian of records*

SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.<sup>1 4</sup>

*Chief of staff*

GEORGE A. HOSLEY, West Somerville, Mass.<sup>1 5</sup>

*Senior aide-de-camp*

WILLIAM H. COMSTOCK, Denver, Colo. (died in office November 26, 1927)<sup>2</sup>

JOHN W. COX, Des Moines, Iowa<sup>1 6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Past department commander, California and Nevada.

<sup>4</sup> Assistant quartermaster general and past department commander of Pennsylvania.

<sup>5</sup> Past senior vice commander in chief.

<sup>6</sup> Representative from Iowa.



## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

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Alabama, John A. Barr, Citronelle.  
Arkansas, Cos Altenberg, Little Rock.<sup>1</sup>  
California and Nevada, John C. Kendrick, Pasadena, Calif.<sup>1</sup>  
Colorado and Wyoming, James E. Jewel, Fort Morgan, Colo.<sup>1 2</sup>  
Connecticut, Adrian P. Sloan, Hartford.  
Delaware, Wesley Jackson, Lincoln City.  
Florida, A. R. Sawyer, Lakeland.  
Georgia and South Carolina, Henry Bruner, Fitzgerald, Ga.<sup>1</sup>  
Idaho, C. L. Longley, Boise.  
Illinois, William P. Wright, Chicago.<sup>1 2</sup>  
Indiana, David N. Foster, Fort Wayne.<sup>1 2</sup>  
Iowa, Oley Nelson, Slater.<sup>1</sup>  
Kansas, E. W. Phillips, Wichita.<sup>1 2</sup>  
Kentucky, M. H. Davidson, Louisville.<sup>1</sup>  
Louisiana and Mississippi, \_\_\_\_\_  
Maine, Nelson Brown, Lewiston.<sup>1</sup>  
Maryland, George T. Leech, Baltimore.<sup>1</sup>  
Massachusetts, Henry Clark, Cambridge.<sup>1</sup>  
Michigan, Albert Dunham, Lansing.<sup>1</sup>  
Minnesota, Silas H. Towler, Minneapolis.<sup>1 2</sup>  
Missouri, A. Whipple, St. Louis.<sup>1</sup>  
Montana, George I. Reiche, Helena.<sup>1</sup>  
Nebraska, Edwin F. Brown, Lincoln.<sup>1</sup>  
New Hampshire, Eben C. Chase, Hooksett.<sup>1</sup>  
New Jersey, W. O. Allen, Newark.<sup>1</sup>  
New Mexico, Luther Foster, Las Cruces.  
New York, Louis La Vallee, Delmar.<sup>1</sup>  
North Dakota, George Hawks, Fargo.<sup>1</sup>  
Ohio, E. F. Taggart, Akron.<sup>1</sup>  
Oklahoma, D. C. Bothell, El Reno.<sup>1</sup>  
Oregon, Charles S. Baker, Portland.<sup>1</sup>  
Pennsylvania, W. F. Hambright, Lancaster.<sup>1 2</sup>  
Potomac, John Middleton, Washington, D. C.  
Rhode Island, Samuel A. Wheldon, East Providence.<sup>1</sup>  
South Dakota, W. H. Cornell, Brookings.<sup>1</sup>  
Tennessee, F. M. Underwood, Knoxville.  
Texas, Edward Loomis, San Antonio.<sup>1</sup>  
Utah, W. L. Goodsell, Salt Lake City.  
Vermont, Dr. E. J. Foster, Waterbury Center.<sup>1</sup>  
Virginia and North Carolina, John Brown, Richmond, Va.<sup>1</sup>  
Washington and Alaska, Dr. J. E. Gandy, Spokane, Wash.<sup>1 2</sup>  
West Virginia, J. T. McCombs, Moundsville.  
Wisconsin, George W. Morton, Berlin.

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<sup>1</sup> Present.

<sup>2</sup> Member of executive committee.

## PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

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### PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

B. F. Stephenson (provisional) (died Aug. 30, 1871)	1866
S. A. Hurlburt, Illinois (died Mar. 27, 1882)	1866-67
John A. Logan, Illinois (died Dec. 26, 1886)	1868-1870
Ambrose E. Burnside, Rhode Island (died Sept. 18, 1881)	1871-72
Charles Devens, Massachusetts (died Jan. 7, 1892)	1873-74
John F. Hartranft, Pennsylvania (died Oct. 17, 1899)	1875-76
John C. Robinson, New York (died Feb. 18, 1897)	1877-78
William Earnshaw, Ohio (died July 17, 1885)	1879
Louis Wagner, Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1894)	1880
George S. Merrill, Massachusetts (died Feb. 17, 1900)	1881
Paul Van Dervoort, Nebraska (died July 29, 1902)	1882
Robert B. Beath, Pennsylvania (died Nov. 25, 1914)	1883
John S. Kountz, Ohio (died June 14, 1909)	1884
Samuel S. Burdett, Potomac (died Sept. 24, 1914)	1885
Lucius Fairchild, Wisconsin (died May 22, 1896)	1886
John P. Rea, Minnesota (died May 28, 1900)	1887
William Warner, Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916)	1888
Russell A. Alger, Michigan (died Jan. 24, 1907)	1889
Wheelock G. Veazy, Vermont (died Mar. 22, 1898)	1890
John Palmer, New York (died Apr. 15, 1905)	1891
A. G. Weissert, Milwaukee, Wis. (died Apr. 24, 1923)	1892
John G. B. Adams, Massachusetts (died Oct. 19, 1900)	1893
Thomas G. Lawler, Illinois (died Feb. 3, 1908)	1894
Ivan N. Walker, Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905)	1895
T. S. Clarkson, Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915)	1896
John P. S. Gobin, Pennsylvania (died May 10, 1910)	1897
James A. Sexton, Illinois (died in office Feb. 5, 1899)	1898
W. C. Johnson, Ohio (died Apr. 27, 1917)	1899
Albert D. Shaw, New York (died Feb. 10, 1901)	1899
Leo Rassieur, St. Louis, Mo. <sup>1</sup>	1900
Ell Torrance, Minneapolis, Minn. <sup>1</sup>	1901
Thomas J. Stewart, Pennsylvania (died Sept. 11, 1917)	1902
John C. Black, Illinois (died Aug. 17, 1915)	1903
Wilmon W. Blackmar, Massachusetts (died in office July 6, 1905)	1904
John R. King, Baltimore, Md. <sup>1</sup>	1905
James Tanner, New York (died Oct. 2, 1927)	1905
Robert B. Brown, Ohio (died July 30, 1916)	1906
Charles G. Burton, Missouri (died Feb. 25, 1926)	1907
Henry M. Nevius, New Jersey (died Jan. 28, 1911)	1908
Samuel R. Van Sant, Minneapolis, Minn. <sup>1</sup>	1909
John E. Gilman, Massachusetts (died Feb. 20, 1921)	1910
Harvey W. Trimble, Illinois (died Jan. 10, 1918)	1911
Alfred B. Beers, Connecticut (died Mar. 31, 1920)	1912
Washington Gardner, Michigan (died Mar. 31, 1928)	1913
David J. Palmer, Washington, Iowa	1914
Elias R. Monfort, Ohio (died July 29, 1920)	1915
W. J. Patterson, Pennsylvania (died Nov. 6, 1926)	1916
Orlando A. Somers, Indiana (died June 9, 1921)	1917
Clarendon E. Adams, Nebraska (died Feb. 23, 1924)	1918
James D. Bell, New York (died in office Nov. 1, 1919)	1919
Daniel M. Hall, Ohio (died Oct. 19, 1925)	1919
William A. Ketcham, Indiana (died Dec. 27, 1921)	1920
Lewis S. Pilcher, Brooklyn, N. Y. <sup>1</sup>	1921
James W. Willett, Tama, Iowa <sup>1</sup>	1922
Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, Van Wert, Ohio	1923
Louis F. Arensberg, East Millsboro, Pa. <sup>1</sup>	1924
John B. Inman, Springfield, Ill.	1925
Frank A. Walsh, Milwaukee, Wis. <sup>1</sup>	1926

<sup>1</sup> Present.



## PAST SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

James B. McKean, New York (died Jan. 6, 1879)	1866-67
Joshua T. Owen, Pennsylvania (died Nov. 7, 1887)	1868
Lucius Fairchild, Wisconsin (died May 23, 1896)	1868-1870
Louis Wagner, Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)	1871-72
Edward Jardine, New York (died Mar. 13, 1896)	1874
Joseph S. Reynolds, California and Nevada (died Sept. 18, 1911)	1875-76
Elisha M. Rhodes, Rhode Island (died Jan. 14, 1917)	1877
Paul Van Dervoort, Nebraska (died July 29, 1902)	1878
John Palmer, New York (died Apr. 15, 1905)	1879
Edgar D. Swain, Illinois (died Apr. 28, 1904)	1880
Charles L. Young, Ohio (died September, 1913)	1881
W. E. W. Ross, Maryland (died Nov. 14, 1907)	1882
William Warner, Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916)	1883
John P. Rea, Minnesota (died May 28, 1900)	1884
Selden Connor, Maine (died July 9, 1917)	1885
S. W. Backus, San Francisco, Calif.	1886
Nelson Cole, Missouri (died July 31, 1899)	1887
Moses H. Neil, Columbus, Ohio	1888
A. G. Weissert, Wisconsin (died Apr. 24, 1923)	1889
Richard F. Tobin, Massachusetts (died in office Nov. 22, 1890)	1890
George H. Innis, Massachusetts (elected Apr. 7, 1891; died Jan. 19, 1907)	1891
Henry W. Duffield, Michigan (died July 13, 1912)	1891
R. H. Warfield, California and Nevada (died July 19, 1906)	1892
Ivan N. Walker, Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905)	1893
A. P. Burchfield, Pennsylvania (died Jan. 8, 1910)	1894
E. H. Hobson, Kentucky (died Sept. 13, 1901)	1895
John H. Mullen, Minnesota (died April 3, 1907)	1896
Alfred Lyth, New York (died Dec. 15, 1924)	1897
W. C. Johnson, Ohio (elected commander in chief Sept. 5, 1899; died Apr. 27, 1917)	1898
Daniel Ross, Delaware (elected Sept. 5, 1899; died Mar. 26, 1916)	1899
Irvin Robbins, Indiana (died Feb. 29, 1911)	1899
Edwin C. Milliken, Maine (died Oct. 21, 1921)	1900
John McElroy, Washington, D. C.	1901
William M. Olin, Massachusetts (died Apr. 18, 1911)	1902
C. Mason Kinne, California and Nevada (died Dec. 25, 1913)	1903
John R. King, Baltimore, Md. (elected commander in chief July 17, 1905) <sup>1 3</sup>	1904
George W. Patten, Tennessee (promoted July 17, 1905; died Sept. 19 1906)	1905
George W. Cook, Colorado and Wyoming (died Dec. 17, 1916)	1905
William A. Armstrong, Indiana (died Sept. 28, 1914)	1906
Lewis E. Griffith, New York (died Oct. 6, 1912)	1907
J. Kent Hamilton, Ohio (died Dec. 29, 1918)	1908
William M. Bostaph, San Leandro, Calif.	1909
Charles Burrows, Rutherford, N. J.	1910
Nicholas W. Day, New York (died Mar. 6, 1916)	1911
Henry Z. Osborne, California and Nevada (died March, 1923)	1912
Thomas H. Soward, Oklahoma (died Aug. 12, 1918)	1913
Joseph B. Griswold, Michigan (died in office Mar. 9, 1915)	1914
William F. Conner, Texas (promoted Mar. 10, 1915; died Mar. 1, 1919)	1915
George H. Slaybaugh, Washington, D. C.	1915
William H. Wormstead, Marblehead, Mass.	1916
John L. Clem, Washington D. C.	1917
John G. Chambers, Portland, Oreg.	1918
Charles B. Wilson, Los Angeles, Calif.	1919
George A. Hosley, West Somerville, Mass. <sup>1</sup>	1920
Robert W. McBride, Indiana (died May 15, 1926)	1921
C. S. Brodbent, San Antonio, Tex.	1922
Frank A. Walsh, Milwaukee, Wis. <sup>1 3</sup>	1923
Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Newton, Mass. <sup>1</sup>	1924
Oscar A. Janes, Detroit, Mich.	1925
A. G. Beatty, Independence, Iowa <sup>1</sup>	1926

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>3</sup> Past commander in chief.

## PAST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

Robert S. Foster, Indiana (died Mar. 3, 1903)	1866
Joseph R. Hawley, Connecticut (died Mar. 18, 1905)	1866-1869
Louis Wagner, Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)	1870
James Coey, California (died July 14, 1918)	1871
J. Warren Keifer, Springfield, Ohio	1871-72
Edward Ferguson, Wisconsin (died Sept. 18, 1901)	1873
Guy T. Gould, Illinois (died Mar. 4, 1919)	1874
Charles J. Buckbee, Connecticut (died Nov. 5, 1896)	1875-76
William Earnshaw, Ohio (died July 17, 1885)	1877
Herbert E. Hill, Massachusetts (died Apr. 8, 1892)	1878
Harrison Dingman, Potomac (died Sept. 26, 1925)	1879
George Bowers, New Hampshire (died Feb. 14, 1884)	1880
C. V. R. Pond, Michigan (died June 9, 1912)	1881
I. S. Bangs, Maine (died May 30, 1903)	1882
Walter H. Holmes, California (died Mar. 26, 1889)	1883
Ira E. Hicks, Connecticut (died Mar. 23, 1919)	1884
John R. Lewis, Georgia (died Feb. 8, 1900)	1885
Edgar Allen, Virginia (died Oct. 28, 1904)	1886
John C. Linehan, New Hampshire (died Sept. 19, 1905)	1887
Joseph Hadfield, New York <sup>4</sup>	1888
John F. Lovett, New Jersey (died ———)	1889
George B. Creamer, Maryland (died Sept. 16, 1896)	1890
T. S. Clarkson, Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915)	1891
Peter B. Ayars, Delaware (died Jan. 19, 1904)	1892
J. C. Bigger, Texas (died Sept. 24, 1900)	1893
Charles H. Shute, Louisiana (died Nov. 26, 1907)	1894
S. G. Cosgrove, Washington and Alaska (died Mar. 28, 1909)	1895
Charles W. Buckley, Alabama (died Dec. 4, 1906)	1896
Francis B. Allen, Connecticut (died ———)	1897
Daniel Ross, Delaware (senior vice, Sept. 6, 1899; died Mar. 26, 1916)	1898
Michael Minton, Kentucky (died Oct. 9, 1911)	1899
Frank Seaman, Tennessee (died Nov. 20, 1910)	1900
James O'Donnell, Illinois (died Feb. 15, 1910)	1901
James P. Averill, Georgia (died Oct. 12, 1904)	1902
Harry C. Kessler, Montana (died Sept. 10, 1907)	1903
George N. Patton, Tennessee (senior vice, July 17, 1905; died Sept. 19, 1906)	1904
Ephraim B. Stillings, Massachusetts (elected Sept. 4, 1905; died Dec. 30, 1917)	1905
Silas H. Towler, Minneapolis, Minn. <sup>5</sup>	1905
E. B. Fenton, Michigan (died Nov. 19, 1927)	1906
William M. Scott, Georgia (died Aug. 29, 1928)	1907
Charles C. Royce, Potomac (died Feb. 11, 1923)	1908
Alfred B. Beers, Connecticut (died Mar. 31, 1920)	1909
William James, Florida (died Dec. 11, 1923)	1910
William A. Ogden, Kansas (died Oct. 31, 1914)	1911
Americus Whedon, Kentucky (died Oct. 18, 1921)	1912
A. S. Fowler, Arkansas (died Oct. 18, 1922)	1913
W. F. Conner, Texas (senior vice, Mar. 10, 1915; died Mar. 1, 1919)	1914
Oscar A. Janes, Detroit, Mich. (elected Apr. 1, 1915) <sup>6</sup>	1915
Le Vant Dodge, Kentucky (died Mar. 6, 1925)	1915
E. K. Russ, New Orleans, La. <sup>4</sup>	1916
John M. Vernon, Illinois (died Nov. 20, 1921)	1917
Charles H. Haber, Virginia (died Nov. 30, 1927)	1918
Isidore Isaacs, New York (died Feb. 18, 1924)	1919
J. E. Gandy, Spokane, Wash. <sup>1 5</sup>	1920
Henry A. Johnson, Washington, D. C. <sup>1 7</sup>	1921
C. V. Gardner, Rapid City, S. Dak.	1922
George T. Leech, Baltimore, Md. <sup>1 5</sup>	1923
John Reese, Broken Bow, Nebr. <sup>1 8</sup>	1924
William O. Allen, Newark, N. J. <sup>1 5</sup>	1925
Charles H. Haskins, Los Angeles, Calif. <sup>1</sup>	1926

<sup>1</sup> Present.<sup>4</sup> Not a member of the order.<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.<sup>6</sup> Past senior vice commander in chief.<sup>7</sup> Surgeon general.<sup>8</sup> Judge advocate general.



DEPARTMENTS

[The figures within parentheses indicate the number of each department in the order of permanent organization]

ALABAMA (42)

[Organized June 26, 1876 ; reorganized March 12, 1889. Membership, December 31, 1927, 24 ; posts, 2]

Department commander-----	William Rife-----	Citronelle.
Senior vice department commander-----	Thomas Barr-----	New Orleans, La.
Junior vice department commander-----	C. M. Ingersoll-----	Whistler.
Assistant adjutant general-----	John A. Barr <sup>1</sup> -----	Citronelle.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Cornelius Cadle, 1868-1870. <sup>2</sup>	Charles E. Peck, 1908. <sup>2</sup>
Datus E. Coon, 1871. <sup>2</sup>	C. A. Cook, 1908. <sup>2</sup>
George H. Patrick, 1871-1880. <sup>2</sup>	Thomas R. Gockel, 1909. <sup>2</sup>
F. G. Sheppard, 1889. <sup>2</sup>	Henry M. Austin, Birmingham, 1910.
Seymour Bullock, 1890. <sup>2</sup>	Charles C. Chapin, 1911. <sup>2</sup>
A. B. Hayes, 1891. <sup>2</sup>	W. H. Brooks, 1912. <sup>2</sup>
William Snyder, 1892. <sup>2</sup>	Joseph Greenwood, 1913. <sup>2</sup>
J. Clyde Millar, 1893 <sup>2</sup>	Anson B. Culver, 1914. <sup>2</sup>
Charles W. Buckley, 1894. <sup>2</sup>	Charles A. Mange, 1915. <sup>2</sup>
Manoah Bostick, 1895. <sup>2</sup>	J. J. Powers. 1916. <sup>2</sup>
George Wollenhaupt, 1896. <sup>3</sup>	E. F. Quinn. 1917. <sup>2</sup>
W. H. Black, 1897. <sup>2</sup>	Isaac W. Higgs, 1918. <sup>2</sup>
A. G. Bethard, 1898. <sup>2</sup>	A. W. Fulghum, Birmingham, 1919.
A. P. Stone, 1899. <sup>3</sup>	John A. Barr, Citronelle, 1920. <sup>1</sup>
George B. Randolph, 1900. <sup>2</sup>	James Ashworth, Birmingham, 1921.
G. F. Jackson, Birmingham, 1901. <sup>4</sup>	Chester K. Roe, 1922. <sup>2</sup>
E. D. Bacon, 1902. <sup>2</sup>	George Hoenig, Cullman, 1923.
R. H. Allison, 1903. <sup>2</sup>	Henry F. Dodd, Whistler, 1924.
Henry Chairsell, Birmingham, 1904.	Frank McCloud, Fairhope, 1925.
A. G. Negley, 1905. <sup>2</sup>	W. W. Clapp, Birmingham, 1926.
A. N. Ballard, 1906. <sup>2</sup>	Littleton W. Williams, Birmingham,
W. M. Campbell, 1907. <sup>2</sup>	1927. <sup>4</sup>

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

William Scarlet, Republic, 1927.

ARKANSAS (31)

[Organized July 11, 1883. Membership December 31, 1927, 62 ; posts, 5]

Department commander-----	Samuel Henderson <sup>4</sup> __	Little Rock.
Senior vice department commander-----	W. C. Stouteagle <sup>4</sup> ----	Little Rock.
Junior vice department commander-----	W. H. Osborne-----	Siloam Springs.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Newt Eagle-----	Little Rock.

REPRESENTATIVES	ALTERNATES
Charles Ramsey, Little Rock.	Edgar Henry, Little Rock. <sup>4</sup>
Jacob Ruther, Siloam Springs.	W. H. Conine, Bentonville.

<sup>1</sup> Comrade Barr, national council of administration. <sup>3</sup> Not now a member of the order.  
<sup>2</sup> Deceased. <sup>4</sup> Present.



## ARKANSAS—Continued

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Stephen Wheeler, 1883-84.<sup>2</sup>  
 C. M. Barnes, Guthrie, Okla, 1885.  
 C. C. Waters, 1886.<sup>2</sup>  
 Thomas Boles, 1887.<sup>2</sup>  
 S. K. Robinson, 1888.<sup>2</sup>  
 A. S. Fowler, 1889-90.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. H. H. Clayton, 1891.<sup>2</sup>  
 Powell Clayton, 1892.<sup>2</sup>  
 Logan H. Roots, 1893.<sup>2</sup>  
 Thomas H. Barnes, 1893-94.<sup>2</sup>  
 William C. Roberts, 1895.<sup>2</sup>  
 O. H. Spellman, 1896.<sup>2</sup>  
 A. H. Sockland, 1897.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. G. Gray, 1898.<sup>2</sup>  
 George W. Clark, 1899.<sup>2</sup>  
 A. L. Thompson, 1900.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. G. Akers, 1901.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. H. Avery, 1902-3.<sup>2</sup>  
 Edward T. Wolfe, 1904.<sup>3</sup>  
 W. S. Bartholomew, 1905.<sup>2</sup>

John W. Lane, 1906.<sup>2</sup>  
 Cos Altenberg, Little Rock, 1907.<sup>4 5</sup>  
 Charles E. Newman, 1908.<sup>2</sup>  
 A. Y. Killingsworth, 1909.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. M. McClintock, 1910.<sup>2</sup>  
 R. J. Maxson, 1911.<sup>2</sup>  
 F. W. Tucker, 1912.<sup>2</sup>  
 A. S. Fowler, 1913-14.<sup>2</sup>  
 Charles C. Warner, 1915.<sup>2</sup>  
 H. F. Wallace, 1916.<sup>2</sup>  
 O. J. Kyler, 1917.<sup>2</sup>  
 Horace Wyman, 1918.<sup>2</sup>  
 Samuel Henderson, 1919.<sup>4 6</sup>  
 Jacob E. Leas, 1920.<sup>2</sup>  
 George W. Clark, 1921.<sup>2</sup>  
 C. H. Parish, 1922.<sup>2</sup>  
 George W. Clark, 1923.<sup>2</sup>  
 Orin Parker, Bentonville, 1924.  
 W. C. Stouteagle, Little Rock, 1925.<sup>4 7</sup>  
 John Q. Hays, Little Rock, 1926-27.

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

R. W. Richardson, Eureka Springs, 1924.  
 C. J. Aldridge, 1925.<sup>2</sup>

E. S. Kinsey, Gentry, 1926.  
 A. L. Herrick, 1927.<sup>2</sup>

## PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

J. S. Osborne, Eureka Springs, 1925. | W. B. Brown, Bauxite, 1927.<sup>4</sup>

## CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA (10)

[Organized February 21, 1868. Membership December 31, 1927, 2,522; posts, 85]

Department commander-----	H. H. Woodruff <sup>4</sup> -----	Oakland.
Senior vice department commander-----	J. L. Hattery <sup>4</sup> -----	Long Beach.
Junior vice department commander-----	F. E. Wyman <sup>4</sup> -----	San Jose.
Assistant adjutant general-----	C. A. Patrick <sup>4</sup> -----	Oakland.

## REPRESENTATIVES

O. H. Mennet, Los Angeles.<sup>4</sup>  
 Wesley Thompson, Huntington Park.<sup>4</sup>  
 S. Oldfield, Long Beach.  
 James Dickinson, Long Beach.<sup>4</sup>  
 D. B. Wolcott, Los Angeles.<sup>4</sup>  
 J. C. Lawrence, Pasadena.<sup>4</sup>  
 R. N. Taylor, Glendale.<sup>4</sup>  
 W. H. Mershon, Los Angeles.<sup>4</sup>  
 George Lockwood, Los Angeles.<sup>4</sup>  
 Fayette Nelson, Pasadena.<sup>4</sup>  
 M. T. Manus, Los Angeles.<sup>4</sup>  
 S. H. Enyeart, Los Angeles.<sup>4</sup>  
 C. H. Burdick, San Jose.<sup>4</sup>  
 J. W. B. Cole, Long Beach.<sup>4</sup>  
 J. W. Bowen, San Diego.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Not now a member of the order.

<sup>4</sup> Present

## ALTERNATES

John Smith, Chico.  
 F. A. Speegle, Los Angeles.<sup>4</sup>  
 J. S. Willson, Los Angeles.<sup>4</sup>  
 S. F. Hill, Redondo.  
 Moses Petty, Pomona.<sup>4</sup>  
 Daniel Murphy, Oakland.  
 P. S. Lynch, San Bernardino.  
 A. S. Stimson, San Diego.  
 W. H. Ellsworth, Redlands.  
 Charles H. Frady, Long Beach.  
 U. H. Emick, Glendale.  
 S. R. Yoho, San Francisco.  
 M. L. Guth, Oakland.  
 J. W. Renouf, Inglewood.  
 James W. Heinicke, Los Angeles.

<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.

<sup>6</sup> Department commander.

<sup>7</sup> Senior vice department commander.

## CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA—Continued

## REPRESENTATIVES—continued

Joseph Culver, Pasadena.<sup>4</sup>  
 S. S. Stowe, Watts.<sup>4</sup>  
 Fred Uke, Los Angeles.<sup>4</sup>  
 John B. Clark, Redlands.<sup>4</sup>  
 James McConnel, Biggs.<sup>4</sup>  
 A. Lingenfelter, Los Angeles.<sup>4</sup>  
 J. C. Garner, Brentwood Heights.  
 James N. Rouse, Pasadena.<sup>4</sup>  
 Samuel Zeigler, Stockton.<sup>4</sup>  
 C. Cochran, Pomona.<sup>4</sup>  
 A. Britton, Berkeley.<sup>4</sup>

## ALTERNATES—continued

W. J. Stokes, Santa Cruz.  
 P. N. Cummings, Monrovia.  
 L. A. Andrews, Corona.  
 H. C. Veatch, Gridley.  
 H. L. Judell, San Francisco.  
 J. D. Barkley, Omaha.  
 E. J. Wilkinson, Stockton.  
 William H. Struthers, Los Angeles.  
 G. W. Clark, Fresno.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John F. Miller (provisional), 1867.<sup>2</sup>  
 James Coey, 1868–69.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. L. Campbell, 1870.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. E. McArthur, 1871–72.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. H. Aiken, 1873–74.<sup>2</sup>  
 A. Carlson, 1875.<sup>2</sup>  
 A. C. Bagley, 1876.<sup>2</sup>  
 S. W. Backus, San Francisco, 1877.<sup>8</sup>  
 S. P. Ford, 1878–79.<sup>2</sup>  
 C. Mason Kinne, 1880–81.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. A. Robinson, 1882.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. W. Staples, 1883.<sup>2</sup>  
 James M. Davis, 1884.<sup>2</sup>  
 R. H. Warfield, 1885.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. R. Smedburg, 1886.<sup>2</sup>  
 E. S. Salomon, 1887.<sup>2</sup>  
 T. H. Goodman, 1888.<sup>2</sup>  
 George E. Gard, 1889.<sup>2</sup>  
 A. J. Buckles, 1890.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. H. L. Barnes, 1891.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. B. Fuller, 1892.<sup>2</sup>  
 E. C. Seymour, 1893.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. M. Walling, Nevada City, 1894.  
 C. E. Wilson, 1895.<sup>2</sup>  
 T. C. Masteller, 1896.<sup>2</sup>  
 N. P. Chipman, 1897.<sup>2</sup>  
 Sol Cahen, 1898.<sup>2</sup>  
 A. F. Dill, 1899.<sup>2</sup>  
 George M. Mott, Berkeley, 1900.

George Stone, 1901.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. G. Hawley, 1902.<sup>2</sup>  
 William R. Shafter, 1903.<sup>2</sup>  
 Charles T. Rice, 1904.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. W. Russell, 1905.<sup>2</sup>  
 William C. Alberger, 1906.<sup>2</sup>  
 William G. Waters, 1907.<sup>2</sup>  
 Samuel Merrill, 1908.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. S. Daubenspeck, 1909.<sup>2</sup>  
 E. L. Hawk, Sacramento, 1910.<sup>4 9</sup>  
 H. V. Parker, 1911.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. R. Thomas, Oakland, 1912.  
 G. M. Stormout, Pomona, 1913.  
 B. B. Tuttle, 1914.<sup>2</sup>  
 Hiram P. Thompson, 1915.<sup>2</sup>  
 A. E. Leavitt, 1916.<sup>2</sup>  
 C. H. Haskins, Los Angeles, 1917.<sup>4 10</sup>  
 John H. Roberts, 1918.<sup>2</sup>  
 R. C. Martin, Los Angeles, 1913.<sup>4</sup>  
 George D. Kellogg, 1920 (died in office).<sup>2</sup>  
 G. M. Burlingame, 1920.<sup>2</sup>  
 William H. Noll, Los Angeles, 1921.<sup>4 11</sup>  
 S. W. Hopkins, Lodi, 1922.<sup>4</sup>  
 James R. Milner, Long Beach, 1923.  
 George W. Grannis, 1924.<sup>2</sup>  
 C. S. Stoddard, 1925.<sup>2</sup>  
 Peter H. Mass, San Francisco, 1926.<sup>4</sup>  
 W. A. Packard, Los Angeles, 1927.

## TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS

J. Clyde Millar, 1893, transferred from Alabama.<sup>2</sup>  
 George Hoxworth, 1897, transferred from Arizona.<sup>2</sup>  
 James P. Rhodes, 1920, transferred from Arizona.<sup>3</sup>  
 D. P. Kyle, 1921, transferred from Arizona.<sup>2</sup>  
 H. F. Wallace, 1916, transferred from Arkansas.<sup>2</sup>  
 U. S. Hollister, Hollywood, 1897, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming.  
 R. H. Mellette, 1907, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming.<sup>2</sup>  
 P. Q. Stoner, 1913, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina.<sup>2</sup>  
 Silas Wilson, 1919, transferred from Idaho.<sup>2</sup>  
 Joseph S. Reynolds, 1877, transferred from Illinois.<sup>2</sup>  
 John J. Steadman, Hollywood, 1892, transferred from Iowa.<sup>4</sup>  
 O. H. Coulter, 1899, transferred from Kansas.<sup>2</sup>  
 Perry H. Manchester, 1900, transferred from Montana.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Not now a member of the order.<sup>4</sup> Present.<sup>8</sup> Past senior commander in chief.<sup>9</sup> Commander in chief.<sup>10</sup> Past junior vice commander in chief.<sup>11</sup> Adjutant general.



## CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA—Continued

## TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS—continued

A. V. Cole, Long Beach, 1885, transferred from Nebraska.  
 Clarendon E. Adams, 1895, transferred from Nebraska.<sup>2</sup>  
 James W. Edwards, Fullerton, 1902, transferred from New Mexico.<sup>4</sup>  
 H. B. Steward, Santa Monica, 1910, transferred from New Mexico.<sup>4</sup>  
 John C. Gipson, San Diego, 1902, transferred from New York.  
 William A. Bentley, 1891, transferred from North Dakota.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. P. Cummings, 1894, transferred from Oklahoma.<sup>2</sup>  
 James E. Burns, Fresno, 1901, transferred from Oklahoma.  
 W. H. Hornaday, Veterans' Home, 1907, transferred from Oklahoma.  
 W. S. Tilton, Burbank, 1920, transferred from Oklahoma.  
 M. V. Lucas, 1884-1886, transferred from South Dakota.<sup>2</sup>  
 E. T. Langley, 1890, transferred from South Dakota.<sup>2</sup>  
 Philip Lawrence, Pomona, 1900, transferred from South Dakota.  
 Thomas E. Blanchard, 1902, transferred from South Dakota.<sup>2</sup>  
 M. A. Breeden, 1900, transferred from Utah.<sup>2</sup>  
 William H. Bostaph, San Leandro, 1902, transferred from Utah.  
 Frank M. Davis, 1904, transferred from Washington and Alaska.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. H. Wiscombe, Long Beach, 1910, transferred from Washington and Alaska.  
 John J. See, Pasadena, 1917, transferred from Washington and Alaska.  
 O. D. McDonald, Sawtelle, 1920, transferred from Washington and Alaska.

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George W. Herr, Sacramento, 1909.	Arthur E. Vest, San Diego, 1923.
H. G. Thompson, Berkeley, 1917.	M. E. Gates, San Francisco, 1924. <sup>4</sup>
E. C. Durfee, Santa Barbara, 1921.	John C. Kendrick, Pasadena, 1926. <sup>4</sup> <sup>5</sup>
John T. Nourse, San Francisco, 1922.	H. L. Gould, Los Gatos.

## TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS

H. P. Barnum, San Diego, 1897, transferred from Illinois.  
 John H. Ogle, San Diego, 1915, transferred from Indiana.  
 Perry H. Bahl, San Diego, 1917, transferred from Missouri.  
 James A. Wear, Veterans' Home, 1911, transferred from Utah.  
 Peter Swick, Pomona, 1906, transferred from Iowa.<sup>4</sup>  
 Charles H. Hall, Santa Monica, 1899, transferred from Pennsylvania.

## PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William H. Wharff, Berkeley, 1890.	A. A. Wood, Modesto, 1923.
Barney Brown, Long Beach, 1917. <sup>4</sup>	S. W. Sutton, Santa Ana, 1924. <sup>4</sup>
Alden B. Willey, Vallejo, 1918.	Abram E. Cohn, 1925. <sup>2</sup>
P. E. Newman, Santa Ana, 1919.	William L. Stone, Santa Rosa, 1926.
L. W. Allum, Riverside, 1922.	Henry Hilton Wood, Long Beach, 1927. <sup>4</sup>

## TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS

W. H. Sallada, Los Angeles, 1884, transferred from Iowa.<sup>4</sup>  
 Julius S. Smith, National City, 1899, transferred from Washington and Alaska.  
 H. S. Clyde, Modesto, 1912, transferred from Oregon.

## COLORADO AND WYOMING (21)

[Organized as the department of Colorado in 1868; reorganized in 1876 as department of the mountains; name changed to Colorado July 31, 1892; name changed to Colorado and Wyoming August 28, 1889. Membership December 31, 1927, 448; posts, 31]

Department commander-----	C. Ricketts <sup>4</sup> -----	Boulder.
Senior vice department commander-----	W. E. Moses <sup>4</sup> -----	Denver.
Junior vice department commander-----	A. J. Rawson <sup>4</sup> -----	Olathe.
Assistant adjutant general-----	E. W. Beghtol <sup>4</sup> -----	Denver.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>4</sup> Present.<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.

## COLORADO AND WYOMING—Continued

## REPRESENTATIVES

C. H. Pridmore, Denver.<sup>4</sup>  
 J. F. Snow, Denver.<sup>4</sup>  
 J. B. Earl, Denver.<sup>4</sup>  
 E. C. Condit, Denver.<sup>4</sup>  
 R. B. Blaze, Denver.<sup>4</sup>

## ALTERNATES

Halsey M. Rhoads, Denver.  
 D. N. Heizer, Colorado Springs.  
 A. B. Pope, Cheyenne, Wyo.  
 A. B. Emily, Denver.  
 C. E. Irwin, Denver.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Frederick J. Bancroft, 1876.<sup>2</sup>  
 Andrew W. Taylor, 1878-79.<sup>2</sup>  
 John W. Donnellan, 1880-82.<sup>2</sup>  
 Eugene K. Stimson, 1882-83.<sup>2</sup>  
 Byron L. Carr, 1884.<sup>2</sup>  
 Aninman V. Bohn, 1885.<sup>2</sup>  
 Henry Bowman, 1886.<sup>2</sup>  
 George Ady, 1887.<sup>2</sup>  
 John W. Browning, 1888.<sup>2</sup>  
 Thomas J. Fisher, 1889.<sup>2</sup>  
 Delos L. Holden, 1890.<sup>2</sup>  
 George W. Cook, 1891.<sup>2</sup>  
 John C. Kennedy, 1892.<sup>2</sup>  
 Myron W. Reed, 1893.<sup>2</sup>  
 Nathaniel Rollins, 1894.<sup>2</sup>  
 Nicholas J. O'Brien, 1895.<sup>2</sup>  
 Horace O. Dodge, 1896.<sup>2</sup>  
 U. S. Hollister, Hollywood, Calif.,  
 1897.<sup>3</sup>  
 William T. S. May, 1898.<sup>2</sup>  
 Andrew Royal, 1899.<sup>2</sup>  
 Harper M. Orahood, 1900.<sup>2</sup>  
 Linus E. Sherman, 1901.<sup>2</sup>  
 James W. Huff, 1902.<sup>2</sup>  
 Harrison S. Vaughn, 1903.<sup>2</sup>  
 Thomas J. Downen, 1904.<sup>2</sup>  
 George W. Curfman, 1905.<sup>2</sup>

Loren C. Dana, 1906.<sup>2</sup>  
 Richard H. Mellette, 1907.<sup>2</sup> (See California and Nevada.)  
 Henry C. Watson, 1908.<sup>2</sup>  
 John W. Wingate, Durango, 1909.  
 William W. Ferguson, 1910 (died in office).<sup>2</sup>  
 William H. McDonald, Grand Junction, 1910.  
 Dexter T. Sapp, 1911.<sup>2</sup>  
 Henry M. Minor, 1912.<sup>2</sup>  
 Cyrus A. Brooks, 1913.<sup>2</sup>  
 O. S. Reed, 1914.<sup>2</sup>  
 Frank O. Burdick, 1915.<sup>2</sup>  
 James Moynahan, 1916.<sup>2</sup>  
 William H. Comstock, 1917.<sup>2</sup>  
 Asa Curl, 1918.<sup>2</sup>  
 Carol M. Bills, 1919.<sup>2</sup>  
 Marshall S. Crawford, 1920.<sup>2</sup>  
 James E. Jewel, Fort Morgan, 1921.<sup>4 5</sup>  
 Samuel J. Capps, 1922 (died in office).<sup>2</sup>  
 A. W. Hogle, Denver, 1923.<sup>4</sup>  
 William Butler, Longmont, 1923.<sup>4</sup>  
 J. C. Plank, 1924.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. L. Randall, Denver, 1925.  
 W. M. Robertson, Denver, 1926.  
 J. E. Laycock, Manitou, 1927.<sup>4</sup>

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John Conkie, Denver, 1909.<sup>4</sup>  
 J. B. Stewart, Fort Morgan, 1913.<sup>4</sup>  
 John A. Butler, Longmont, 1920.<sup>4</sup>

J. M. Lawrence, Soldiers and Sailors' Home, 1922.<sup>4</sup>  
 A. J. Winters, Rocky Ford, 1925.  
 A. H. Miles, Denver, 1927.<sup>4</sup>

## PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

D. D. Finch, Trinidad, 1898.<sup>4</sup>  
 A. A. Baxter, La Junta, 1920.  
 E. E. Fitch, Laramie, Wyo., 1921.<sup>4</sup>

John B. Bowersox, Longmont, 1923.<sup>4</sup>  
 A. Minneair, Denver, 1926.<sup>4</sup>  
 Mathew Woods, Denver, 1927.<sup>4</sup>

A. M. Story, Denver, 1890, transferred from New Mexico.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Transferred to California and Nevada.<sup>4</sup> Present.<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.



## CONNECTICUT (6)

[Organized April 11, 1867. Membership December 31, 1927, 445; posts, 46]

Department commander-----	George A. Tucker <sup>4</sup> -----	New Haven.
Senior vice department commander-----	James Haggerty-----	Willimantic.
Junior vice department commander-----	Frank A. Cargill-----	Bridgeport.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Edward T. Abbott <sup>4</sup> -----	Bridgeport.

## REPRESENTATIVES

Eugene Davidson, Meriden.  
 James M. Collins, Hartford.<sup>4</sup>  
 George H. Bates, Bristol.  
 Andrew Flood, Hartford.<sup>4</sup>  
 Morgan Atwater, New Haven.<sup>4</sup>

## ALTERNATES

Lyman Whitehead, Danbury.  
 Thomas Stevens, Hartford.  
 Charles S. Russell, Cheshire.  
 John Batterson, Norwalk.<sup>4</sup>

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Edward Harland, 1867.<sup>2</sup>  
 Theodore G. Ellis, 1868-69.<sup>2</sup>  
 William H. Mallory, 1870-71.<sup>2</sup>  
 L. A. Dickinson, 1872-73.<sup>2</sup>  
 Charles S. Buckbee, 1874-75.<sup>2</sup>  
 William E. Disbrow, 1876-77.<sup>2</sup>  
 Frank G. Otis, 1878.<sup>2</sup>  
 Charles E. Fowler, 1878-79.<sup>2</sup>  
 George S. Smith, 1880.<sup>2</sup>  
 Alfred B. Beers, 1881.<sup>2</sup>  
 Ira E. Hicks, 1882.<sup>2</sup>  
 Isaac B. Hyatt, 1883.<sup>2</sup>  
 William Berry, 1884.<sup>2</sup>  
 Frank D. Sloat, 1885.<sup>2</sup>  
 John T. Crary, 1886.<sup>2</sup>  
 Henry E. Taintor, 1887.<sup>2</sup>  
 Samuel B. Horne, 1888.<sup>2</sup>  
 William H. Pierpont, 1889.<sup>2</sup>  
 John C. Broatch, 1890.<sup>2</sup>  
 Henry N. Fanton, 1891.<sup>2</sup>  
 Benajah P. Smith, 1892.<sup>2</sup>  
 Wilbur F. Rogers, 1893.<sup>2</sup>  
 Selah G. Blakeman, 1894.<sup>2</sup>  
 John M. Brewer, 1895.<sup>2</sup>  
 Oscar W. Cornish, 1896.<sup>2</sup>  
 Gustav D. Bates, 1897.<sup>2</sup>  
 William Simonds, 1898.<sup>2</sup>  
 Henry R. Jones, 1899.<sup>2</sup>

John K. Bucklyn, 1900.<sup>2</sup>  
 Thomas Boudren, 1901.<sup>2</sup>  
 N. Burton Rogers, 1902.<sup>2</sup>  
 Morgan G. Bulkeley, 1903.<sup>2</sup>  
 William C. Hilliard, 1904.<sup>2</sup>  
 Albert A. May, 1905.<sup>2</sup>  
 Virgil F. McNeil, New Haven, 1906.  
 Charles A. Appel, 1907.<sup>2</sup>  
 Edward Griswold, 1908.<sup>2</sup>  
 George Haven, New London, 1909.  
 Edson S. Bishop, 1910.<sup>3</sup>  
 Richard J. Cutbill, 1911.<sup>2</sup>  
 William H. Dougal, 1912.<sup>2</sup>  
 James R. Sloane, 1913.<sup>2</sup>  
 Fred V. Streeter, 1914.<sup>2</sup>  
 Charles Griswold, 1915.<sup>2</sup>  
 Henry J. Seeley, Bridgeport, 1916.  
 Benjamin H. Cheney, 1917.<sup>2</sup>  
 Christian Quien, 1918.<sup>2</sup>  
 George T. Meech, Middletown, 1919.  
 Randolph Williamson, 1920.<sup>2</sup>  
 Christian Swartz, Norwalk, 1921.  
 Orrin M. Price, 1922.<sup>2</sup>  
 John L. Saxe, 1923.<sup>2</sup>  
 Ira R. Wildman, Danbury, 1924.  
 James W. Davis, 1925.<sup>2</sup>  
 James R. Young, Waterville, 1926.<sup>4</sup>  
 Charles M. Shailer, Devon, 1927.<sup>4</sup>

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Joseph J. Noxon, Middletown, 1920.  
 William F. Sternberg, New Britain,  
 1921-22.

Adrian P. Sloan, Hartford, 1925.<sup>5</sup>  
 Albert P. Stark, Bristol, 1927.

## PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Charles E. Hart, New Haven, 1925.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Not a member of the order.<sup>4</sup> Present.<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.



## DELAWARE (23)

[Organized January 14, 1881. Membership December 31, 1927, 58; posts, 5]

Department commander-----	Charles S. Waters-----	Newark.
Senior vice department commander----	Wesley Bolden-----	Wilmington.
Junior vice department commander----	William A. Truit <sup>2</sup> -----	Milford.
Assistant adjutant general-----	C. A. W. Frishmuth <sup>4</sup> ---	Wilmington.

## REPRESENTATIVES

R. D. Short, Harrington.	James Twigg, Wilmington.
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## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William S. McNair, 1881. <sup>2</sup>	William Tharp, 1905. <sup>2</sup>
John Wainwright, 1882. <sup>2</sup>	Ira Lunt, 1906. <sup>2</sup>
Daniel Ross, 1883. <sup>2</sup>	Jesse Hellings, 1907. <sup>2</sup>
C. M. Carey, 1884. <sup>3</sup>	H. W. Perkins, 1908. <sup>2</sup>
J. S. Litzenberg, 1885. <sup>2</sup>	William H. Blake, 1909. <sup>2</sup>
J. M. Dunn, 1886. <sup>2</sup>	George C. Morton, 1910. <sup>2</sup>
J. E. Mowbrey, Dover, 1887.	William Mendenhall, Wilmington, 1911.
R. G. Buckingham, Newark, 1888.	Jesse K. Baylis, 1912. <sup>2</sup>
Peter B. Ayars, 1889. <sup>2</sup>	J. R. Armstrong, 1913. <sup>2</sup>
Samuel Lewis, 1890. <sup>2</sup>	J. T. Rheims, 1914. <sup>2</sup>
A. J. Woodman, 1891. <sup>2</sup>	John P. Riley, 1915. <sup>2</sup>
G. W. Stradley, 1892. <sup>2</sup>	S. Sheward Johnson, 1916. <sup>2</sup>
B. D. Bogia, 1893. <sup>2</sup>	J. T. Alexander, 1917. <sup>2</sup>
J. E. Vantine, 1894. <sup>2</sup>	Orrin J. Cook, 1918. <sup>2</sup>
E. F. Wood, Dover, 1895.	R. Harry Williams, 1919. <sup>2</sup>
William B. Norton, 1896. <sup>2</sup>	C. A. W. Frishmuth, Wilmington, 1920. <sup>4 5</sup>
J. S. Bradley, 1897. <sup>2</sup>	William A. Truitt, 1921. <sup>2</sup>
Robert Liddell, 1898. <sup>2</sup>	Charles Zerby, Wilmington, 1922.
William H. Moystin, 1899. <sup>2</sup>	Nathaniel L. Henderson, 1923. <sup>2</sup>
William A. Reilly, 1900. <sup>2</sup>	Charles R. Lewis, 1924. <sup>2</sup>
John W. Worall, 1901. <sup>2</sup>	William H. Middleton, 1925. <sup>2</sup>
John C. Garner, 1902. <sup>2</sup>	Richard D. Buckingham, Newark, 1926.
William G. Baugh, sr., 1903. <sup>2</sup>	William Buckins, Wilmington, 1927.
William Kelley, jr., 1904. <sup>2</sup>	

## FLORIDA (36)

[Organized June 19, 1884. Membership December 31, 1927, 346; posts, 12]

Department commander-----	D. S. Hunter <sup>4</sup> -----	Miami.
Senior vice department commander----	A. W. Lathrop-----	St. Cloud.
Junior vice department commander----	C. R. Parker-----	Zephyrhills.
Assistant adjutant general-----	A. R. Sawyer <sup>6</sup> -----	Lakeland.

## REPRESENTATIVES

C. C. Hulet, St. Petersburg.<sup>4</sup>  
 Wm. E. Hoover, Miami.  
 Christian Peters, St. Cloud.<sup>4</sup>  
 M. M. Monohan, Tampa.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Not now a member of the order.<sup>4</sup> Present.

## ALTERNATES

Wm. Jubb, St. Petersburg.<sup>4</sup>  
 J. H. Thompson, Zephyrhills.  
 W. D. Neilson, Orlando.  
 A. E. Perry, St. Cloud.

<sup>5</sup> Assistant adjutant general.<sup>6</sup> National council of administration.

## FLORIDA—Continued

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

T. S. Wilmarth, Jacksonville, 1884–85.  
 G. H. Norton, 1886.<sup>2</sup>  
 E. W. Henck, Longwood, N. J., 1887.  
 William James, 1888.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. W. V. R. Plummer, 1889.<sup>2</sup>  
 Fred S. Goodrich, 1890.<sup>3</sup>  
 John H. Welsh, Miami, 1891.<sup>13</sup>  
 J. De V. Hazzard, 1892.<sup>2</sup>  
 Geo. F. Foote, 1893.<sup>2</sup>  
 David L. Way, 1894.<sup>2</sup>  
 P. E. McMurray, 1895.<sup>2</sup>  
 L. V. Jenness, 1896.<sup>2</sup>  
 Chas. M. Ellis, Jacksonville, 1897.  
 Geo. Packwood, Tampa, 1898.  
 Edwin Kirby, 1899.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. S. Fairhead, 1900.<sup>2</sup>  
 F. C. Parcell, 1901.<sup>2</sup>  
 S. Herbert Lancy, 1902.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. F. Chase, 1903.<sup>2</sup>  
 Henry Marcotte, 1904.<sup>2</sup>  
 Thos. J. Owen, 1905.<sup>2</sup>  
 William E. Emerson, 1906.<sup>2</sup>  
 Samuel W. Fox, 1907.<sup>2</sup>  
 S. R. Hudson, 1908.<sup>2</sup>

James Skinner, 1909.<sup>2</sup>  
 James O. Thompson, 1910.<sup>2</sup>  
 Joseph Bumby, 1911.<sup>2</sup>  
 William P. Lynch, 1912.<sup>3</sup>  
 William S. Siggins, 1913.<sup>2</sup>  
 Lyman Leighton, 1914.<sup>2</sup>  
 James F. Bullard, 1915.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. H. Melrath, 1916.<sup>2</sup>  
 John A. Wallace, 1917.<sup>2</sup>  
 H. B. Jeffries, Zephyrhills, 1918.  
 Theodore W. B. Brake (died in office),  
 1919.<sup>2</sup>  
 George E. Field, 1919.<sup>2</sup>  
 Imri A. Spencer, Petersburg, 1920.<sup>4</sup>  
 G. W. Brown, St. Cloud, 1921.  
 C. J. Rose, Miami, 1922.  
 Samuel Sage, 1923.<sup>3</sup>  
 James Campbell, St. Cloud, 1924.  
 A. C. Shaffer (died in office), 1925.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. A. Brown (died in office), 1925.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. H. De Graw, St. Cloud, 1926.  
 A. R. Sawyer, Lakeland, 1926.<sup>5</sup>  
 Wayne W. Blossom, Tampa, 1927.

C. E. Beach, St. Petersburg, 1908 (transferred from Vermont).  
 A. P. Rounseville, 1895 (transferred from North Dakota).<sup>2</sup>

## PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. C. Ford, St. Petersburg, 1925.

W. Frank Kinney, St. Cloud, 1926.

## GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA (41)

[Organized January 25, 1889. Membership December 31, 1927, 18; posts, 4]

Department commander-----	Darius Nelson-----	Fitzgerald.
Senior vice department commander----	C. J. Hitch-----	Fitzgerald.
Junior vice department commander-----	Chas. R. Haskins-----	Atlanta.
Assistant adjutant general-----	J. W. Howder-----	Fitzgerald.

## REPRESENTATIVE

John Bucher, Fitzgerald, Ga.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John R. Lewis, 1889.<sup>2</sup>  
 David Porter, 1890.<sup>2</sup>  
 A. E. Sholes, Flushing, N. Y., 1891 (see  
 New York).  
 Thos. F. Gleason, 1892–93.<sup>2</sup>  
 C. J. Watson, 1894.<sup>2</sup>  
 L. B. Nelson, 1895.<sup>2</sup>  
 John L. Clem.<sup>6</sup> Washington, D. C., 1896  
 (see Potomac).

James P. Averill, 1897.<sup>2</sup>  
 James O. Ladd, Summerville, S. C.,  
 1898.  
 Alexander Mattison, 1899.<sup>2</sup>  
 S. A. Darnell, 1900.<sup>2</sup>  
 Lewis Thayer, 1901.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. M. Scott, 1902.<sup>2</sup>  
 F. D. Lee, 1903.<sup>2</sup>  
 James A. Commerford, 1904.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Not now a member of the order.

<sup>4</sup> Present.

<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.

<sup>6</sup> Past senior vice commander in chief.

<sup>13</sup> Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.



## GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA—Continued

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

Charles F. Fairbanks, 1905. <sup>2</sup>	G. E. Whitman, 1917. <sup>2</sup>
Wm. H. Kimball, 1906. <sup>2</sup>	W. P. Randall, 1918. <sup>2</sup>
C. P. Webster, 1907. <sup>2</sup>	J. M. Mosher, 1919. <sup>2</sup>
Leander Scott, 1908. <sup>2</sup>	Ira M. Swartz, 1920. <sup>2</sup>
Chas. R. Haskins, Atlanta, Ga., 1909. <sup>15</sup>	C. J. Hitch, Fitzgerald, Ga., 1921. <sup>7</sup>
S. Clay Brown, 1910. <sup>2</sup>	A. M. Crosby, 1922. <sup>2</sup>
F. A. Jones, Tallapoosa, Ga., 1911.	Patrick Ryan, 1923. <sup>2</sup>
C. H. Brooks, 1912. <sup>2</sup>	C. W. Morrell (died in office), 1924. <sup>2</sup>
P. Q. Stoner, 1913 (see California and Nevada). <sup>2</sup>	Charles H. Cox, Atlanta, Ga., 1924.
I. C. Wade, 1914. <sup>2</sup>	Darius Nelson, Fitzgerald, Ga., 1925.
W. B. Todd, 1915. <sup>2</sup>	B. F. Pim, 1926. <sup>2</sup>
R. S. Smith, 1916. <sup>2</sup>	J. W. Howder, Fitzgerald, Ga., 1927. <sup>14</sup>

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Henry Bruner, Fitzgerald, 1926.<sup>4 5</sup>

## IDAHO (39)

[Organized January 11, 1888. Membership December 31, 1927, 149; posts, 12]

Department commander-----	W. J. Neely <sup>4</sup> -----	Nampa.
Senior vice department commander-----	Otto F. Steen-----	Boise.
Junior vice department commander-----	W. H. Johns-----	Caldwell.
Assistant adjutant general-----	James W. Shields <sup>4</sup> -----	Boise.

## REPRESENTATIVES

H. F. Knight, Payette.<sup>4</sup> | O. S. Hines, Boise.<sup>4</sup>

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. H. Nye, 1888. <sup>2</sup>	William K. Jameson, 1908. <sup>2</sup>
A. S. Senter, 1889. <sup>2</sup>	Stewart Young, 1909. <sup>2</sup>
W. T. Riley, 1890. <sup>2</sup>	Willard White, 1910. <sup>2</sup>
Judson Spofford, Boise, 1891.	M. W. Wood, Boise, 1911.
A. O. Ingalls, 1892. <sup>2</sup>	J. W. Shields, Twin Falls, 1912. <sup>4 14</sup>
R. H. Barton, 1893. <sup>2</sup>	A. G. Nettleton, 1913. <sup>2</sup>
T. J. Groome, 1894. <sup>2</sup>	H. J. Newhouse, 1914. <sup>2</sup>
D. H. Budlong, 1895. <sup>2</sup>	William H. Cable, 1915. <sup>2</sup>
J. L. Fuller, Shoshone, 1896. <sup>4</sup>	R. H. Barnes, Twin Falls, 1916. <sup>4</sup>
Lindol Smith, 1897. <sup>2</sup>	George F. Kimery, Boise, 1917.
N. F. Kimball, 1898. <sup>2</sup>	F. T. Page, Weiser, 1918.
S. L. Thompson, 1899. <sup>2</sup>	Silas Wilson, 1919. <sup>2</sup>
Charles A. Clark, 1900. <sup>2</sup>	John Carr, 1920. <sup>2</sup>
William C. Maxey, 1901. <sup>2</sup>	William S. Hawkes, 1921. <sup>2</sup>
George M. Parsons, 1902. <sup>2</sup>	William Bower, Boise, 1922. <sup>4</sup>
E. S. Whittier, 1903. <sup>2</sup>	F. J. Titus, Nampa, 1923.
C. F. Drake, 1904. <sup>2</sup>	C. L. Longley, Twin Falls, 1924. <sup>5</sup>
George A. Manning, 1905. <sup>2</sup>	George Gardner, 1925. <sup>2</sup>
Alfred Anderson, 1906. <sup>2</sup>	John S. Thorn, Boise, 1926. <sup>4</sup>
A. M. Rowe, 1907. <sup>2</sup>	R. P. Drury, Moscow, 1927.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>4</sup> Present.

<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.

<sup>7</sup> Senior vice department commander.

<sup>14</sup> Assistant adjutant general.

<sup>15</sup> Junior vice department commander.



## IDAHO—Continued

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Adam Aulbach, Murray, 1912.  
 G. E. Keyes, Sandpoint, 1915.  
 Frank Gibbon, Pocatello, 1917.  
 John Frederick, Coeur d'Alene, 1923.

James M. Gill, Boise, 1924.<sup>4</sup>  
 E. F. Conklin, Coeur d'Alene, 1926.  
 W. H. Johns, Caldwell, 1927.<sup>15</sup>

## PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

T. J. Leeson, Nampa, 1917.  
 James M. Bice, Twin Falls, 1919.<sup>4</sup>  
 A. A. Taylor, Boise, 1922.

J. M. Phillippi, Emmett, 1923.  
 W. T. Johnson, Moscow, 1927.

## ILLINOIS (1)

[Organized April 6, 1866. Membership December 31, 1927, 2,668; posts, 232]

Department commander-----	Charles T. Marsh <sup>4</sup> -----	Rockford.
Senior vice department commander-----	A. T. Ives <sup>4</sup> -----	Bloomington.
Junior vice department commander-----	Willis Hickman <sup>4</sup> -----	Chicago.
Assistant adjutant general-----	James C. Thomas <sup>4</sup> -----	Chicago.

## REPRESENTATIVES

Thomas Caddick, Quincy.<sup>4</sup>  
 Frank Munsell, Chicago.<sup>4</sup>  
 Valentine Eckert, Chicago.<sup>4</sup>  
 James H. Campbell, Chicago.<sup>4</sup>  
 L. S. Oliver, Chicago.<sup>4</sup>  
 Willis Weaver, Chicago.  
 John O'Farrell, Chicago.<sup>4</sup>  
 John Carmichael, Chicago.  
 A. E. Gage, Chicago.<sup>4</sup>  
 George Mason, Chicago.  
 E. E. Taylor, Elgin.  
 Joseph Norton, Rockford.<sup>4</sup>  
 N. L. Mitchell, Freeport.  
 J. W. Edwards, Aledo.<sup>4</sup>  
 Lafayette Vance, Quincy.<sup>4</sup>  
 J. R. Pitney, Peoria.<sup>4</sup>  
 A. Y. Barnard, Bloomington.  
 A. E. Lewis, Georgetown.  
 H. A. Glasscock, Champaign.<sup>4</sup>  
 Patrick H. Lynch, Jerseyville.  
 Elijah Jones, Springfield.<sup>4</sup>  
 John Ulrich, Alton.  
 D. C. Zimmerman, Vandalia.<sup>4</sup>  
 T. W. Mullenix, Chicago.  
 A. H. Armstrong, Springfield.<sup>4</sup>  
 Charles O. Brown, Chicago.<sup>4</sup>  
 H. M. Pense, Granite City.  
 George A. Green, Chicago.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Present.

## ALTERNATES

J. J. Sepple, Chicago.  
 Henry Cossum, Chicago.<sup>4</sup>  
 W. H. H. Pierce, Chicago.  
 F. M. Watkins, Chicago.  
 William O'Callaghan, Joliet.<sup>4</sup>  
 J. C. Deegan, Ransom.<sup>4</sup>  
 Spencer Tomkins, Rochelle.<sup>4</sup>  
 M. Beal, Rock Island.<sup>4</sup>  
 Jacob Lusinger, Princeton.  
 E. M. Wells, Bloomington.  
 James P. Bailey, Danville.  
 W. N. Hodge, Decatur.  
 W. H. Houghtlin, Jerseyville.  
 James A. Stone, Springfield.  
 A. J. Osborn, Alton.  
 J. E. Cunningham, Centralia.  
 J. M. Franklin, Quincy.<sup>4</sup>  
 W. F. Barnhart, Peoria.  
 James H. Stevens, Mt. Morris.<sup>4</sup>  
 H. L. Matteson, Fairfield.  
 Taylor Rowlette, Rantoul.  
 J. H. Cummings, Chicago.<sup>4</sup>  
 Walter F. Sunderland, Milledgeville.  
 N. A. Wing, Chicago.<sup>4</sup>  
 S. F. Stewart, Evanston.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>15</sup> Junior vice department commander.

## ILLINOIS—Continued

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Stephenson, 1866. <sup>2</sup>	Edgar D. Swain, 1879–80. <sup>2</sup>
John M. Palmer, 1866–1868. <sup>2</sup>	J. W. Burst, 1881. <sup>2</sup>
Charles E. Lippincott, 1871. <sup>2</sup>	Thomas G. Lawler, 1882. <sup>2</sup>
Guy T. Gould, 1873. <sup>2</sup>	Samuel A. Harper, 1883. <sup>2</sup>
H. Hillard, 1874–1876. <sup>2</sup>	L. T. Dickason, 1884. <sup>2</sup>
Joseph S. Reynolds, 1877. <sup>2</sup>	W. W. Berry, 1885. <sup>2</sup>
T. B. Coulter, 1878. <sup>2</sup>	Philip Sidney Post, 1886. <sup>2</sup>
A. C. Sweetser, 1887. <sup>2</sup>	Joseph Rosenbaum, 1908. <sup>2</sup>
James A. Sexton, 1888. <sup>2</sup>	Philip C. Hayes, 1909. <sup>2</sup>
James S. Martin, 1889. <sup>2</sup>	James A. Connolly, 1910. <sup>2</sup>
William L. Distin, 1890. <sup>2</sup>	C. C. Duffy, 1911. <sup>2</sup>
Horace S. Clark, 1891. <sup>2</sup>	Thomas H. Gault, 1912. <sup>2</sup>
Edwin Harlan, 1892. <sup>2</sup>	J. H. Crowder, Bethany, 1913.
Edwin A. Blodgett, 1893. <sup>2</sup>	Samuel Fallows, 1914. <sup>2</sup>
H. H. McDowell, 1894. <sup>2</sup>	John M. Snyder, Canton, 1915.
William H. Powell, 1895. <sup>2</sup>	W. F. Calhoun, Decatur, 1916.
W. G. Cochran, Sullivan, 1896.	C. S. Bentley, 1917. <sup>2</sup>
A. L. Schimpff, 1897. <sup>2</sup>	Joseph W. Fifer, Bloomington, 1918.
John C. Black, 1898. <sup>2</sup>	Henry D. Fulton, Chicago, 1919.
John B. Inman, Springfield, 1899. <sup>16</sup>	Edwin N. Armstrong, 1920. <sup>2</sup>
J. M. Longnecker, 1900. <sup>2</sup>	Wm. P. Wright, Chicago, 1921. <sup>4 5</sup>
N. B. Thistlewood, 1901. <sup>2</sup>	E. P. Bartlett (died in office), 1922. <sup>2</sup>
H. M. Trimble, 1902. <sup>2</sup>	J. M. Oulson, Godfrey, 1922.
Benson Wood, 1903. <sup>2</sup>	Wm. J. Libberton, 1923. <sup>2</sup>
Robert Mann Woods, 1904. <sup>2</sup>	Philip Smith, Peoria, 1924.
John C. Smith, 1905. <sup>2</sup>	O. R. McKenney, Chicago, 1925.
Edwin H. Buck, 1906. <sup>2</sup>	John E. Andrew, Quincy, 1926.
A. C. Mathews, 1907. <sup>2</sup>	D. H. Harper, Chicago, 1927.
Milton J. Stewart, 1885 (transferred from Kansas). <sup>2</sup>	
Charles M. Travis, 1889 (transferred from Indiana). <sup>2</sup>	

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

R. M. Campbell, Peoria, 1882.	George W. Young, Marion, 1904.
R. P. Lytle, Decatur, 1888.	Samuel L. Campbell, Mattoon, 1914.
J. F. Harrall, Aurora, 1890.	E. B. West, Augusta, 1923.
Ivory H. Pike, Oak Park, 1891.	J. H. Freeman, Aurora, 1925.
W. F. Kenaga, Kankakee, 1892.	John Underfanger, Springfield, 1926.
Fred N. Boyer, Olney, 1900.	D. B. Black, Decatur, 1927.
E. A. Thomas, E. St. Louis, 1903.	

## PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Henry Emerich, Galesburg, 1897.	E. B. West, Augusta, 1922.
John N. Collier, Gibson City, 1903.	W. J. Dickinson, Joliet, 1924.
J. H. Myers, Forreston, 1906.	H. M. Studebaker, Streator, 1926.
H. K. Wolcott, Batavia, 1916.	John Offerman, Peoria, 1927.

## INDIANA (20)

[Organized August 20, 1866; reorganized October 3, 1879. Membership, December 31, 1927, 1,717; posts, 138]

Department commander-----	W. F. Molyneaux <sup>4</sup> -----	Gary.
Senior vice department commander-----	Phil R. Brown <sup>4</sup> -----	Franklin.
Junior vice department commander----	Isaac Austin <sup>4</sup> -----	Noblesville.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Albert J. Ball <sup>4</sup> -----	Indianapolis.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.  
<sup>4</sup> Present.

<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.  
<sup>16</sup> See California and Nevada.



## INDIANA—Continued

## REPRESENTATIVES

L. C. Miller, South Bend.<sup>4</sup>  
 James Kilmartin, Princeton.<sup>4</sup>  
 William Brewer, Worthington.  
 James W. Feagler, North Vernon.<sup>4</sup>  
 H. P. Dorsett, Greencastle.<sup>4</sup>  
 W. B. Graham, Richmond.<sup>4</sup>  
 John M. Coe, Connersville.  
 I. S. Wagner, Indianapolis.<sup>4</sup>  
 C. W. Chappell, Indianapolis.<sup>4</sup>  
 John G. McKay, Indianapolis.<sup>4</sup>  
 Levi L. Gilpin, Redkey.<sup>4</sup>  
 E. H. Cowan, Crawfordsville.<sup>4</sup>  
 John W. Barnes, Kokomo.<sup>4</sup>  
 George S. Haste, Valparaiso.<sup>4</sup>  
 James P. Ross, Wabash.<sup>4</sup>  
 R. C. Miller, Fort Wayne.  
 J. P. Hussey, Argos.  
 L. W. Shields, Bloomington.<sup>4</sup>

## ALTERNATES

John W. Ziegler, Evansville.  
 William S. Mead, Spencer.  
 Phil W. Brown, Franklin.<sup>4</sup>  
 John F. Dynes, Centerville.  
 R. W. Gilbreath, Knightstown.  
 Mahlon D. Butler, Indianapolis.  
 Alonzo Boyd, Indianapolis.  
 William Wycoff, Indianapolis.<sup>4</sup>  
 Jacob Ludy, Union City.  
 Isaac B. Austin, Noblesville.<sup>4</sup>  
 T. R. Caldwell, Lebanon.<sup>4</sup>  
 C. B. Steward, Rensselaer.  
 Fred Harter, Longsport.  
 A. W. Ruhl, Fort Wayne.  
 J. P. Heaton, Muncie.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Robert S. Foster, 1866–1868.<sup>2</sup>  
 Nathan Kimball, 1867.<sup>2</sup>  
 Oliver M. Wilson, 1869.<sup>2</sup>  
 Louis Humphrey, 1870–71.<sup>2</sup>  
 Jonathan B. Hagar, 1879.<sup>2</sup>  
 Samuel E. Armstrong, 1880.<sup>2</sup>  
 William W. Dudley, 1881.<sup>2</sup>  
 James R. Carnahan, 1882–83.<sup>2</sup>  
 Edwin Nicar, 1884.<sup>2</sup>  
 David N. Foster, Fort Wayne, 1885.<sup>4 5</sup>  
 Thomas W. Bennett, 1886.<sup>2</sup>  
 Ira J. Chase, 1887.<sup>2</sup>  
 Argus D. Vanosdol, 1888.<sup>2</sup>  
 Chas. M. Travis (see Illinois), 1889.<sup>2</sup>  
 Gil R. Stormont, Princeton, 1890.<sup>4</sup>  
 Ivan N. Walker, 1891.<sup>2</sup>  
 Joseph B. Cheadle, 1892.<sup>2</sup>  
 James T. Johnston, 1893.<sup>2</sup>  
 Albert O. Marsh, 1894.<sup>2</sup>  
 Harvey B. Shively, 1895.<sup>2</sup>  
 Henry M. Caylor, 1896.<sup>2</sup>  
 James S. Dodge, 1897.<sup>2</sup>  
 Daniel Ryan, 1898.<sup>2</sup>  
 William L. Dunlap, 1899.<sup>2</sup>  
 David E. Breem, 1900.<sup>2</sup>  
 Milton Garrigus, 1901.<sup>2</sup>  
 Benjamin Starr, 1902.<sup>2</sup>

George W. Grubbs, 1903.<sup>2</sup>  
 Daniel R. Lucas, 1904.<sup>2</sup>  
 Marine D. Tackett, 1905.<sup>2</sup>  
 Edmund R. Brown, Winamac, 1906.<sup>4</sup>  
 William A. Ketcham, 1907.<sup>2</sup>  
 John D. Alexander, Springville, 1908.  
 Orlando A. Somers, 1909.<sup>2</sup>  
 Alexander P. Asbury, 1910.<sup>2</sup>  
 Daniel Waugh, 1911.<sup>2</sup>  
 Frank Swigart (died in office), 1912.<sup>2</sup>  
 Wilber E. Gorsuch, 1912.<sup>2</sup>  
 Daniel W. Comstock, 1913.<sup>2</sup>  
 A. B. Crampton, Delphi, 1914.<sup>4</sup>  
 Lewis King, Columbus, 1915.<sup>4</sup>  
 V. V. Williams, 1916.<sup>2</sup>  
 Samuel M. Hench, Fort Wayne, 1917.  
 Alonzo Murphy, Greensburg, 1918.  
 William F. Medsker, 1919.<sup>2</sup>  
 Robert W. McBride, 1920.<sup>2</sup>  
 Richard H. Tyner, Newcastle, 1921.<sup>4</sup>  
 William A. Kelsey, Fort Wayne, 1922.  
 Albert J. Ball, Indianapolis, 1923.<sup>4 14</sup>  
 F. M. VanPelt, Anderson, 1924.<sup>4</sup>  
 David Strouse, Danville, 1925.  
 James W. Spain, Evansville, 1926.<sup>4</sup>  
 John H. Hoffman, Ligonier, 1927.<sup>4</sup>

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John F. Davenport, Richmond, 1912.<sup>4</sup>  
 C. C. Schreeder, Evansville, 1917.<sup>4</sup>  
 Charles W. Shaw, Bloomington, 1920.  
 Virgil E. Chance, Connersville, 1922.

William Kemp, Frankfort, 1924.  
 Valentine Marx, Osceola, 1925.  
 Robert M. Morton, Princeton, 1927.

## PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James S. Wright, Rockport, 1920.  
 William Matthews, Centerville, 1925.

Eli G. Anderson, Fort Wayne, 1926.<sup>4</sup>  
 Jacob E. Meyers, Culver, 1927.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>4</sup> Present.<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.<sup>14</sup> Assistant adjutant general.



## IOWA (19)

[Organized September, 1866; reorganized January 23, 1879. Membership December 31, 1927, 1,770; posts, 167]

Department commander-----	J. W. Stratton <sup>4</sup> -----	Creston.
Senior vice department commander----	Watson Riden <sup>4</sup> -----	Cedar Rapids.
Junior vice department commander----	J. B. Carman <sup>4</sup> -----	Agency.
Assistant adjutant general-----	John P. Risley <sup>4</sup> -----	Des Moines.

## REPRESENTATIVES

J. K. Ewing, Villisca.<sup>4</sup>  
 E. P. Taylor, Fairfield.<sup>4</sup>  
 J. H. Dunmore, Clinton.<sup>4</sup>  
 J. K. P. Bolsinger, Colesburg.<sup>4</sup>  
 H. G. Porter, Manchester.  
 Joseph Watts, Nashua.<sup>4</sup>  
 R. J. Wilson, Cedar Rapids.<sup>4</sup>  
 Freeman Dunn, Cedar Rapids.<sup>4</sup>  
 T. D. Doke, Bloomfield.<sup>4</sup>  
 A. C. Stone, Ottumwa.  
 B. O. Witter, Perry.  
 J. B. Coup, Bedford.  
 W. P. Allred, Corydon.<sup>4</sup>  
 J. A. Evans, Greenfield.<sup>4</sup>  
 Clark Wilson, Audubon.<sup>4</sup>  
 H. D. Dessinger, Fort Dodge.  
 James Leitch, Sioux City.<sup>4</sup>  
 John W. Cox, Des Moines.<sup>4</sup>  
 Eugene Allen, Cedar Rapids.<sup>4</sup>

## ALTERNATES

J. C. Boice, Washington.  
 James Corbin, Muscatine.  
 L. A. Devendorf, Eldora.  
 E. L. Sweet, Greeley.<sup>4</sup>  
 N. G. Thorne, Mason City.  
 George Bushnell, Cedar Rapids.  
 Stephen Yoho, Cedar Rapids.  
 J. F. Moore, Ottumwa.  
 W. L. Johnson, Oskaloosa.  
 B. F. Stowe, Des Moines.  
 George W. Hinkle, Corydon.  
 M. McKinney, Afton.  
 C. Tedman, Villisca.  
 T. B. McKee, Massena.<sup>4</sup>  
 A. A. Cook, Webster City.  
 Wallace Winslow, Le Mars.<sup>4</sup>

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. C. Parrott, 1874-75.<sup>2</sup>  
 A. A. Perkins, 1876-1878.<sup>2</sup>  
 H. E. Griswold, 1879.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. F. Conrad, 1880.<sup>2</sup>  
 Peter V. Carey, 1881.<sup>2</sup>  
 George B. Hugin, 1882.<sup>2</sup>  
 John B. Cook, 1883.<sup>2</sup>  
 E. G. Miller, 1884.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. R. Manning, 1885.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. A. McHenry, 1886.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. M. Tuttle, 1887.<sup>2</sup>  
 E. A. Consigny, 1888.<sup>2</sup>  
 Charles H. Smith, 1889.<sup>2</sup>  
 Mason P. Mills, 1890.<sup>2</sup>  
 Charles L. Davidson, 1891.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. J. Steadman, Hollywood, Calif.,  
 1892.<sup>16</sup>  
 Phil Schaller, 1893.<sup>2</sup>  
 George A. Newman, 1894.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. K. P. Thompson, 1895.<sup>2</sup>  
 Josiah Given, 1896.<sup>2</sup>  
 A. H. Evans, 1897.<sup>2</sup>  
 R. W. Tirrell, 1898.<sup>2</sup>  
 C. F. Bailey, 1899.<sup>2</sup>  
 M. B. Davis, 1900.<sup>2</sup>  
 George Metzger, 1901.<sup>2</sup>  
 John Lindt, 1902.<sup>2</sup>  
 L. B. Raymond, 1903.<sup>2</sup>

R. T. St. John, Riceville, 1904.  
 S. H. Harper, 1905.<sup>2</sup>  
 C. A. Clark, 1906.<sup>2</sup>  
 D. J. Palmer, Washington, 1907.<sup>17</sup>  
 J. C. Milliman, Santa Monica, Calif.,  
 1908.  
 M. McDonald, 1909.<sup>2</sup>  
 H. A. Dyer, 1910.<sup>2</sup>  
 Lot Abraham, 1911.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. D. Brown, 1912.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. W. Willett, Tama, 1913.<sup>4 17</sup>  
 Byron C. Ward, 1914.<sup>2</sup>  
 John F. Merry, 1915.<sup>2</sup>  
 John H. Mills, Redfield, 1916.<sup>4</sup>  
 J. L. Farrington, 1917.<sup>2</sup>  
 E. J. C. Bealer, Cedar Rapids, 1918.<sup>4</sup>  
 A. G. Beatty, Independence, 1919.<sup>4 8</sup>  
 R. L. Chase, 1920.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. B. Harsh, 1921.<sup>2</sup>  
 L. J. Kron, 1922.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. W. Gist (died in office), 1923.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. S. Freeman, Le Mars, 1923.  
 W. H. Needham (died in office), 1924.<sup>2</sup>  
 D. B. Cowles (died in office), 1924.<sup>2</sup>  
 Orlando S. Hartman, 1925.<sup>2</sup>  
 Frank Dagle, Des Moines, 1925.<sup>4</sup>  
 E. J. Stonebraker, Hampton, 1926.<sup>4</sup>  
 Oley Nelson, Slater, 1927.<sup>4 5</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>4</sup> Present.<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.<sup>8</sup> Past senior vice commander in chief.<sup>16</sup> See California and Nevada.<sup>17</sup> Past commander in chief.

IOWA—Continued

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

T. E. McCurdy, Hazelton, 1900.	T. F. Shannon, Waterloo, 1921. <sup>4</sup>
J. F. McNeill, Oskaloosa, 1905.	George Hunter, Iowa City, 1922. <sup>4</sup>
J. T. Smith, Burlington, 1914.	C. T. Miller, Keokuk, 1926.
W. H. Barker, Sioux City, 1915.	E. P. Taylor, Fairfield, 1927. <sup>4</sup>
M. T. Scanlan, Des Moines, 1918.	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

L. Schoonover, Des Moines, 1900.	G. H. Clement, Marshalltown, 1926.
J. A. Kent, Perry, 1908.	John F. Baker, Newton, 1927. <sup>4</sup>
W. H. Easterly, Clinton, 1917, 1919.	

KANSAS (22)

[Organized December 7, 1866; reorganized March 16, 1880. Membership December 31, 1927, 1,686; posts, 181]

Department commander-----	H. I. Merrill <sup>4</sup> -----	Wichita.
Senior vice department commander-----	O. T. Romig <sup>4</sup> -----	Coffeyville.
Junior vice department commander-----	H. F. Shafer <sup>4</sup> -----	Hiawatha.
Assistant adjutant general-----	J. W. Priddy <sup>4</sup> -----	Topeka.

REPRESENTATIVES

James G. Byington, National Military Home.<sup>4</sup>  
N. L. Flinton, Topeka.  
G. M. Robinson, Iola.  
J. S. Forgey, Ottawa.<sup>4</sup>  
W. A. Lyman, Olathe.  
Thomas Blakeslee, Neodesha.  
Frank Straub, Cherryvale.<sup>4</sup>  
Adam Staggers, Winfield.  
F. D. Dewey, Emporia.<sup>4</sup>  
W. H. Gillis, Peabody.<sup>4</sup>  
Charles Wingrove, Clay Center.<sup>4</sup>  
O. L. Moore, Abilene.  
R. R. Manchester, Bellaire.<sup>4</sup>  
H. Keller, Wilson.<sup>4</sup>  
M. G. Davidson, Larned.<sup>4</sup>  
H. W. Wardell, Hutchinson.  
Grear Nagle, Wichita.<sup>4</sup>  
J. E. Hudson, Caldwell.<sup>4</sup>

ALTERNATES

E. T. Wolf, Topeka.<sup>4</sup>  
J. G. Hanna, Hiawatha.  
E. S. Kirkpatrick, Wellsville.  
E. N. Kuhn, Lawrence.  
J. H. Osborn, Humboldt.  
W. W. Basore, Neodesha.<sup>4</sup>  
W. A. Cummings, Cherryvale.  
W. H. Weaver, Winfield.  
Nathan Hudson, Emporia.<sup>4</sup>  
J. D. Smith, Peabody.  
E. G. Minard, Jamestown.<sup>4</sup>  
John Lonergan, Marysville.<sup>4</sup>  
M. W. Whitney, Phillipburg.  
A. J. Mitchell, Gove.  
J. C. Robb, Dodge City.<sup>4</sup>  
Frank McCauley, Hutchinson.  
J. F. Richardson, Wichita.<sup>4</sup>  
J. M. Doubleday, Caldwell.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John A. Martin, 1866-67. <sup>2</sup>	A. R. Green, 1892. <sup>2</sup>
John C. Carpenter, 1868. <sup>2</sup>	Bernard Kelly, 1893. <sup>2</sup>
W. S. Jenkins, 1872 (see Missouri). <sup>2</sup>	W. P. Campbell, Wichita, 1894.
Stephen A. Cobb, 1872-1875. <sup>2</sup>	John P. Harris, 1895. <sup>2</sup>
John Guthrie, 1876. <sup>2</sup>	W. O. Whitney, 1896. <sup>2</sup>
J. H. Gilpatrick, 1877-78. <sup>2</sup>	Theo Botkin, 1897. <sup>2</sup>
J. C. Walkinshaw, 1879-1882. <sup>2</sup>	D. W. Eastman, 1898 (see Oklahoma). <sup>2</sup>
Thomas J. Anderson, 1883. <sup>2</sup>	O. H. Coulter, 1899 (see California and Nevada). <sup>2</sup>
Homer W. Pond, 1884. <sup>2</sup>	W. W. Martin, 1900. <sup>2</sup>
Milton J. Stewart, 1885 (see Illinois). <sup>2</sup>	J. B. Remington, 1901. <sup>2</sup>
C. J. McDivett, 1886. <sup>2</sup>	H. C. Loomis, 1902. <sup>2</sup>
T. H. Soward, 1887 (see Oklahoma). <sup>2</sup>	Abraham W. Smith, 1903. <sup>2</sup>
J. W. Feighan, 1888. <sup>2</sup>	Charles Harris, 1904. <sup>2</sup>
Henry Booth, 1889. <sup>2</sup>	P. H. Coney, Topeka, 1905-6. <sup>4</sup>
Ira A. Collins, 1890. <sup>2</sup>	R. A. Campbell, 1907. <sup>2</sup>
Timothy McCarthy, 1891. <sup>2</sup>	

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>4</sup> Present.



## KANSAS—Continued

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

W. A. Morgan, 1908. <sup>2</sup>	Joseph A. Walter, 1920. <sup>2</sup>
Joe H. Rickel, 1909. <sup>2</sup>	George P. Washburn, 1921 (died in office). <sup>2</sup>
Nathan E. Harmon, 1910. <sup>2</sup>	E. W. Bowman, Wichita, 1921.
T. P. Anderson, 1911. <sup>2</sup>	William W. Dennison, Topeka, 1922.
J. N. Harrison, 1912–13. <sup>2</sup>	William H. Mitchell, 1923. <sup>2</sup>
Ira D. Brougher, 1914. <sup>2</sup>	A. Graff, Wellington, 1924.
C. A. Meek, 1915. <sup>2</sup>	Fred Jackson, McPherson, 1925. <sup>4</sup>
R. M. Painter, 1916. <sup>2</sup>	Samuel Baughman, Chanute, 1926. <sup>4</sup>
A. C. Pierce, 1917. <sup>2</sup>	R. H. McWhorter, Coffeyville, 1927. <sup>4</sup>
W. W. Smith, 1918. <sup>2</sup>	
Theodore Gardner, Lawrence, 1919.	

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. B. Rhodes, Manhattan, 1921. <sup>4</sup>	R. G. Blackwood, Cherryvale, 1924. <sup>4</sup>
D. B. Clum, Parsons, 1922. <sup>4</sup>	J. E. Holmes, Hutchinson, 1926. <sup>4</sup>

## PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. H. Carr, Wichita, 1906.	C. H. Hoyt, Lawrence, 1920.
S. J. Churchill, Lawrence, 1908. <sup>4</sup>	John T. Weaver, Fort Dodge, 1922. <sup>4</sup>
W. H. Eggert, Lawrence, 1911.	George Plumb, Emporia, 1924.
J. H. McKinley, Erie, 1919.	J. H. Harvey, Emporia, 1927. <sup>4</sup>

## KENTUCKY (27)

[Organized January 16, 1883. Membership December 31, 1927, 269 ; posts, 32]

Department commander-----	Cyrus Edwards <sup>4</sup> -----	Horse Cave.
Senior vice department commander-----	Isaac Palmer-----	Louisville.
Junior vice department commander-----	J. T. Thompson <sup>4</sup> -----	Paint Lick.
Assistant adjutant general-----	M. H. Davidson <sup>4 5</sup> -----	Louisville.

## REPRESENTATIVES

Charles L. Dudley, Flemingsburg.<sup>4</sup>  
 James A. Fisher, Covington.<sup>4</sup>  
 Robert Edwards, Lebanon.  
 George D. Olden, Louisville.

## ALTERNATES

John M. Dinzer, Covington.<sup>4</sup>  
 J. H. McMurtry, Summer Shade.<sup>4</sup>  
 James Lawrence, Louisville.  
 William Scott, Frankfort.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. C. Michie, 1883. <sup>2</sup>	John Blaes, 1901. <sup>2</sup>
W. H. Harton, 1884. <sup>2</sup>	T. F. Beyland, 1902. <sup>2</sup>
George W. Northup, 1885. <sup>2</sup>	W. G. Foree, 1903. <sup>2</sup>
Thomas Z. Morrow, 1886. <sup>2</sup>	William T. Bausmith, 1904. <sup>2</sup>
William Bowman, 1887. <sup>2</sup>	Bernard Matthews, 1905. <sup>2</sup>
Orrin A. Reynolds, 1888. <sup>2</sup>	George Grinstead, 1906. <sup>2</sup>
Vincent Boreing, 1889. <sup>2</sup>	LeVant Dodge, 1907–8. <sup>2</sup>
Michael Minton, 1890. <sup>2</sup>	R. B. Hewetson, 1909. <sup>2</sup>
Samuel G. Hills, 1891. <sup>2</sup>	Sanford D. Van Pelt, 1910. <sup>2</sup>
Edward H. Hobson, 1892. <sup>2</sup>	Charles C. Degman, 1911. <sup>2</sup>
T. Edward Livezey, 1893. <sup>2</sup>	John Barr, Lebanon, 1912.
Daniel O'Riley, 1894. <sup>2</sup>	W. J. L. Hughes, 1913. <sup>2</sup>
Robert M. Kelly, 1895. <sup>2</sup>	Edward Farley, Paducah, 1914.
Americus Whedon, 1896. <sup>2</sup>	John T. Gunn, 1915. <sup>2</sup>
Andrew J. Tharp, 1897. <sup>2</sup>	Sam D. Brown, 1916. <sup>2</sup>
J. W. Hammond, 1898. <sup>2</sup>	J. R. Howard, 1917. <sup>2</sup>
Joseph H. Browning, 1899. <sup>2</sup>	T. A. Casey, Dayton, 1918. <sup>4</sup>
L. M. Drye, 1900. <sup>2</sup>	Andrew Offut, 1919. <sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>4</sup> Present.

<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.



## KENTUCKY—Continued

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

M. H. Davidson, Louisville, 1920.<sup>4 5</sup>  
 Jacob Seibert, 1921.<sup>2</sup>  
 John T. English, Prospect, 1922.  
 E. F. Tucker, 1923.<sup>2</sup>  
 C. C. Furr, 1924.<sup>2</sup>

J. D. Compton, Covington, 1925.<sup>4</sup>  
 Albert Scott, 1926 (died in office).<sup>2</sup>  
 Cyrus Edwards, Horse Cave, 1926–  
 27.<sup>4 6</sup>

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Charles Ashby, Madisonville, 1927.

## PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Richard Lilly, Anchorage, 1927.<sup>4</sup>

## LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI (35)

[Organized as the Department of the Gulf May 15, 1884: changed to Louisiana and Mississippi June 13, 1888. Membership December 31, 1927, 63; posts, 6]

Department commander-----	William Rochester <sup>4</sup>	Natchez, Miss.
Senior vice department commander-----	John Wright <sup>4</sup>	Vicksburg, Miss.
Junior vice department commander-----	Sam L. Smith <sup>4</sup>	Algiers, La.
Assistant adjutant general-----	John Pierce	New Orleans, La.

## REPRESENTATIVES

Bass Jones, Natchez, Miss.<sup>4</sup>  
 Sandy Simmons, Vicksburg, Miss.

## ALTERNATES

William Rogers, Vicksburg, Miss.  
 John Augustus, Vicksburg.<sup>4</sup>

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William Roy, 1884.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. W. Scully, 1885 (see Georgia and  
 South Carolina).<sup>2</sup>  
 A. S. Badger, 1886–1892.<sup>2</sup>  
 Charles H. Shute, 1893.<sup>2</sup>  
 Charles W. Keeting, 1894–1899.<sup>2</sup>  
 F. C. Antoine, 1900.<sup>2</sup>  
 Paul Bruce, 1901.<sup>2</sup>  
 Charles W. Keeting, 1902–1904.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. S. Davidson, Bayou Goula, La, 1905.  
 P. H. Boyle, 1906–7.<sup>2</sup>  
 James Lewis, 1908.<sup>2</sup>

J. A. Brookshire, Beaumont, Tex.,  
 1909.  
 E. K. Russ, New Orleans, La., 1910–  
 1915.<sup>13</sup>  
 E. T. Gipson, 1916–1918.<sup>2</sup>  
 H. N. Singleton, 1919.<sup>2</sup>  
 John Pierce, New Orleans, 1920.<sup>14</sup>  
 Lewis Herman, 1921.<sup>13</sup>  
 E. J. Sherman, 1922.<sup>13</sup>  
 Elihu A. Robinson, Amelia, La., 1923–  
 1927.<sup>4</sup>

## MAINE (9)

[Organized January 10, 1868. Membership December 31, 1927, 482; posts, 60]

Department commander-----	Nelson R. Brown <sup>4 5</sup>	Lewiston.
Senior vice department commander-----	Charles H. George	South Paris.
Junior vice department commander-----	S. F. Emerson <sup>4</sup>	Skowhegan.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Charles E. Nason <sup>4</sup>	Portland.

## REPRESENTATIVES

F. S. Philbrick, Rockland.<sup>4</sup>  
 Hollis Simpson, Waterville.

Cyrus Hastings, Augusta.<sup>4</sup>  
 T. N. Ayer, Alna.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>4</sup> Present.

<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.

<sup>6</sup> Department commander.

<sup>13</sup> Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.

<sup>14</sup> Assistant adjutant general.

## MAINE—Continued

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George L. Beal, 1868-69.<sup>2</sup>  
 Charles P. Mattocks, 1870-71.<sup>2</sup>  
 Daniel White, 1872-73.<sup>2</sup>  
 Seldon Connor, 1874-75.<sup>2</sup>  
 Nelson Howard, 1876.<sup>2</sup>  
 John D. Myrick, 1877.<sup>2</sup>  
 Augustus C. Hamlin, 1878.<sup>2</sup>  
 Windsor B. Smith, 1879.<sup>2</sup>  
 Isaac S. Bangs, 1880.<sup>2</sup>  
 William G. Haskell, 1881.<sup>2</sup>  
 Augustus B. Farnham, 1882.<sup>2</sup>  
 Elisha M. Shaw, 1883.<sup>2</sup>  
 Benjamin Williams, 1884.<sup>2</sup>  
 James A. Hall, 1885.<sup>2</sup>  
 Samuel W. Lane, 1886.<sup>2</sup>  
 Richard K. Gatley, 1887.<sup>2</sup>  
 Horace H. Burbank, 1888.<sup>2</sup>  
 Franklin M. Drew, 1889.<sup>2</sup>  
 John D. Anderson, 1890.<sup>2</sup>  
 Samuel L. Miller, 1891.<sup>2</sup>  
 Isaac Dyer, 1892.<sup>2</sup>  
 Wainwright Cushing, 1893.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. Wesley Gilman, 1894.<sup>2</sup>  
 William H. Green, 1895.<sup>2</sup>  
 Lorenzo J. Carver, 1896.<sup>2</sup>  
 Leroy T. Carleton, Winthrop, 1897.  
 Charles A. Southard, 1898.<sup>2</sup>  
 Frederick Robie, 1899.<sup>2</sup>

Seth T. Snipe, 1900.<sup>2</sup>  
 William Z. Clayton, Bangor, 1901.  
 James L. Merrick, 1902.<sup>2</sup>  
 Joshua L. Chamberlain, 1903.<sup>2</sup>  
 Edwin C. Milliken, 1904.<sup>2</sup>  
 Henry O. Perry, 1905.<sup>2</sup>  
 Frederick S. Walls, 1906.<sup>2</sup>  
 Frank F. Goss, 1907.<sup>2</sup>  
 Woodbury K. Dana, 1908.<sup>2</sup>  
 Augustus W. McCausland, 1909.<sup>2</sup>  
 John W. Webster, 1910.<sup>2</sup>  
 Edwin Riley, Livermore Falls, 1911.  
 William H. Holston, 1912.<sup>2</sup>  
 John F. Lamb, 1913.<sup>2</sup>  
 Thomas S. Benson, Sidney, 1914.  
 Simon S. Andrews, 1915.<sup>2</sup>  
 Tobias L. Eastman, Fryeberg, 1916.  
 John Quincy Adams, Houlton, 1917.  
 Fred A. Motley, 1918.<sup>2</sup>  
 George W. Goulding, Oakland, 1919.  
 Henry E. Merriam, Gardiner, 1920.  
 Edward A. Butler, 1921.<sup>2</sup>  
 George A. Gay, 1922.<sup>2</sup>  
 Ezekiel H. Hanson, 1923.<sup>2</sup>  
 Charles E. Nason, Gray, 1924.<sup>4 14</sup>  
 Albert R. Hill, East Brownfield, 1925.<sup>4</sup>  
 Nathaniel W. White, Augusta, 1926.<sup>4</sup>  
 Nahum H. Pillsbury, Portland, 1927.<sup>4</sup>

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Jonathan W. Crocker, Rockland, 1878.	A. M. Warren, Dover, 1905.
Charles E. Moulton, Portland, 1886.	B. F. Witney, Gorham, 1909.
M. C. Wadsworth, Gardiner, 1890.	C. T. Wardwell, Oxford, 1917.
L. C. Bateman, Lewiston, 1904.	

## PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

C. M. Chase, Freeport, 1894.	W. A. Miller, Auburn, 1919.
I. W. Emerson, Lewiston, 1898.	H. F. Mitchell, Bangor, 1922.
A. H. Pratt, North Turner, 1900.	

## MARYLAND (16)

[Organized January 8, 1868; reorganized June 9, 1876. Membership December 31, 1927, 214; posts, 16]

Department commander-----	George T. Leech <sup>4 5</sup> -----	Baltimore.
Senior vice department commander-----	George Schneider <sup>4</sup> -----	Baltimore.
Junior vice department commander-----	Charles Johnson-----	Baltimore.
Assistant adjutant general-----	John T. Holmes <sup>4</sup> -----	Baltimore.

## REPRESENTATIVES

Louis Treff, Baltimore. <sup>4</sup>	Adam Comp, Cumberland. <sup>4</sup>
John C. Erdman, Baltimore. <sup>4</sup>	

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.  
<sup>4</sup> Present.

<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.  
<sup>14</sup> Assistant adjutant general.



## MARYLAND—Continued

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Andrew W. Dennison, 1867–1869.<sup>2</sup>  
 E. W. Boldsborough, 1870.<sup>2</sup>  
 E. T. Daneker, 1871.<sup>2</sup>  
 Adams E. King, 1872.<sup>2</sup>  
 E. B. Tyler, 1876–1878.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. E. Griffith, 1879.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. E. W. Ross, 1880–81.<sup>2</sup>  
 Graham Dukehart, 1882.<sup>2</sup>  
 John Suter, 1883.<sup>2</sup>  
 Frank M. Smith, 1884.<sup>2</sup>  
 John W. Horn, 1885.<sup>2</sup>  
 George W. F. Vernon, 1886.<sup>2</sup>  
 Henry P. Underhill, 1887.<sup>2</sup>  
 Theodore F. Lang, 1888.<sup>2</sup>  
 George F. Wheeler, 1889.<sup>2</sup>  
 George R. Graham, 1890.<sup>2</sup>  
 Joseph C. Hill, 1891.<sup>2</sup>  
 Wallace A. Bartlett, 1892.<sup>2</sup>  
 Frank Nolen, 1893.<sup>2</sup>  
 Myron I. Rose, 1894.<sup>2</sup>  
 Oliver A. Horner, 1895.<sup>2</sup>  
 A. S. Cooper, 1896.<sup>2</sup>  
 George W. Johnson, 1897.<sup>2</sup>

David L. Stanton, 1898.<sup>2</sup>  
 Lewis M. Zimmerman, 1899.<sup>2</sup>  
 John R. King, Baltimore, 1900.<sup>4 17</sup>  
 John G. Taylor, 1901.<sup>2</sup>  
 John W. Worth, 1902.<sup>2</sup>  
 William Stahl, 1903.<sup>2</sup>  
 James Campbell, Barton, 1904.  
 Richard N. Bowerman, 1905.<sup>2</sup>  
 George Prechtel, Baltimore, 1906.  
 Fred C. Tarr, 1907.<sup>2</sup>  
 Robert C. Sunstrom, 1908.<sup>2</sup>  
 Benjamin F. Taylor, 1909.<sup>2</sup>  
 William J. Vannort, Chestertown, 1910.  
 John T. Holmes, Baltimore, 1911.<sup>4 14</sup>  
 George Prechtel, Baltimore, 1912.<sup>4 6</sup>  
 Charles N. Emich, Baltimore, 1913.  
 Albert K. Young, Baltimore, 1914.  
 Joseph Brooks, Baltimore, 1915.  
 James E. Van Sant, 1916.<sup>2</sup>  
 E. Walter Giles, Baltimore, 1917–18.  
 George T. Leech, Baltimore, 1919–  
 1927.<sup>4 5</sup>

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George Schneider, Baltimore, 1917.<sup>4</sup>  
 George H. Rush, Baltimore, 1918.  
 William Gallien, Baltimore, 1923.<sup>4</sup>

John A. Houck, Baltimore, 1926.  
 Louis Fox, Baltimore, 1927.

## MASSACHUSETTS (7)

[Organized May 7, 1867. Membership December 31, 1927, 1,808; posts, 149]

Department commander-----	Edwin J. Foster <sup>4</sup> -----	Worcester.
Senior vice department commander-----	James H. Webb-----	Boston.
Junior vice department commander-----	Alvin C. Howes <sup>4</sup> -----	Middleboro.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Wilfred A. Wetherbee <sup>4 8</sup> -----	Boston.

## REPRESENTATIVES

Waldo Turner, East Weymouth.<sup>4</sup>  
 Edward Hague, Fall River.<sup>4</sup>  
 Jason B. Hersey, Rockland.<sup>4</sup>  
 Nathaniel S. Barry, Dedham.<sup>4</sup>  
 George Hall, Dorchester.<sup>4</sup>  
 David King, Everett.<sup>4</sup>  
 James F. Flynn, Roxbury.<sup>4</sup>  
 Albert Munsey, Swampscott.  
 John A. Brackett, Lawrence.<sup>4</sup>  
 Charles Peel, Newburyport.<sup>4</sup>  
 William E. Carlton, Chelsea.  
 Charles L. Robinson, Melrose High-  
 lands.<sup>4</sup>  
 Francis J. O'Reilly, Cambridge.<sup>4</sup>  
 Orrin Stone, Malden.<sup>4</sup>  
 Dudley Page, Lowell.<sup>4</sup>  
 George W. Corey, Southbridge.<sup>4</sup>  
 John W. Fairbanks, Westboro.  
 Edwin S. Witherell, Springfield.  
 James R. Hamilton, East Northfield.<sup>4</sup>

## ALTERNATES

Frederick H. Bishop, Wollaston.<sup>4</sup>  
 John Gilbert, Fall River.  
 Bela Alden, Whitman.  
 H. N. Plummer, Milton.  
 Martin Feeney, Chelsea.<sup>4</sup>  
 A. A. Nickerson, Chelsea.  
 James Morgan, Lawrence.  
 Charles W. Smith, Newburyport.  
 George B. Wilbur, Fall River.  
 A. Otis Chamberlin, Cambridge.  
 Albert I. Gilman, Lowell.  
 Andrew McGinnis, Cambridge.<sup>4</sup>  
 George A. Gay, East Pepperell.<sup>4</sup>  
 A. A. Buxton, Fitchburg.  
 Oliver P. Judkins, Worcester.  
 W. H. Abbott, Holyoke.  
 Joshua R. Sears, Greenfield.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>4</sup> Present.

<sup>6</sup> National council of administration.

<sup>6</sup> Department commander, 1906.

<sup>8</sup> Past senior vice commander in chief.

<sup>14</sup> Assistant adjutant general.

<sup>17</sup> Past commander in chief.



MASSACHUSETTS—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Austin S. Cushman, 1866–67. <sup>2</sup>	Peter D. Smith, 1900. <sup>2</sup>
A. B. R. Sprague, 1868. <sup>2</sup>	Silas A. Barton, 1901. <sup>2</sup>
Francis A. Osborn, 1869. <sup>2</sup>	W. A. Blackmar, 1902. <sup>2</sup>
James L. Bates, 1870. <sup>2</sup>	Dwight O. Judd, 1903. <sup>2</sup>
William Cogswell, 1871. <sup>2</sup>	Lucius Field, 1904. <sup>2</sup>
Henry R. Sibley, 1872. <sup>2</sup>	James H. Wolff, 1905. <sup>2</sup>
Adin B. Underwood, 1873. <sup>2</sup>	J. Payson Bradley, 1906. <sup>2</sup>
John W. Kimball, 1874. <sup>2</sup>	Daniel H. L. Gleason, 1907. <sup>2</sup>
George S. Merrill, 1875. <sup>2</sup>	Alfred S. Roe, 1908. <sup>2</sup>
Horace B. Sargent, 1876–1878. <sup>2</sup>	John L. Parker, 1909. <sup>2</sup>
John G. B. Adams, 1879. <sup>2</sup>	J. Willard Brown, 1910. <sup>2</sup>
John A. Hawes, 1880. <sup>2</sup>	Granville C. Fiske, 1910–11. <sup>2</sup>
George W. Creasey, 1881. <sup>2</sup>	George A. Hesley, West Somerville, 1912. <sup>1 8</sup>
George H. Patch, 1882. <sup>2</sup>	Thomas J. Ames, 1913. <sup>2</sup>
George S. Evans, 1883. <sup>2</sup>	John M Woods, 1914. <sup>2</sup>
John D. Billings, Belmont, 1884.	Alfred H. Knowles, Arlington, 1915.
John W. Hersey, 1885. <sup>2</sup>	Francis E. Mole, 1916. <sup>2</sup>
Richard F. Tobin, 1886. <sup>2</sup>	Daniel E. Denny, 1917. <sup>2</sup>
Charles D. Nash, 1887. <sup>2</sup>	Edwin P. Stanley, 1918. <sup>2</sup>
Mvron P. Walker, 1888. <sup>2</sup>	George W. Wilder, Boston, 1919.
George L. Goodale, 1889. <sup>2</sup>	Horace Goodwin, Westfield, 1920.
George H. Innis, 1890. <sup>2</sup>	Edwin F. Morrill, Wollaston, 1921. <sup>4</sup>
Arthur A. Smith, 1891. <sup>2</sup>	Henry Clark, North Cambridge, 1922. <sup>4 5</sup>
James K. Churchill, 1892. <sup>2</sup>	George W. Pratt, 1923. <sup>2</sup>
Eli W. Hall, 1893. <sup>2</sup>	Benjamin A. Ham, Dorchester, 1924.
Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Newton, 1894. <sup>4 8</sup>	William L. Gage, 1925 (died in office). <sup>2</sup>
Joseph W. Thayer, 1895. <sup>2</sup>	Henry H. Comey, Danvers. 1925.
William P. Derby, 1896. <sup>2</sup>	William E. Brown, 1926 (died in office). <sup>2</sup>
John M. Deane, 1897. <sup>2</sup>	Henry A. Monk, South Braintree, 1927. <sup>2</sup>
William H. Bartlett, 1898. <sup>2</sup>	
John E. Gilman, 1899. <sup>2</sup>	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

George M. Fiske, Auburndale, 1898.

MICHIGAN (18)

[Organized May 6, 1868; reorganized January 22, 1879. Membership December 31, 1927, 1,114; posts, 84]

Department commander-----	Albert C. Estabrook <sup>4</sup> ----	Allegan.
Senior vice department commander-----	J. P. Riley <sup>4</sup> -----	Kalamazoo.
Junior vice department commander-----	William Barrett-----	Bay City.
Assistant adjutant general-----	H. A. Chapin-----	Lansing.

REPRESENTATIVES

John Killeen, Jackson.<sup>4</sup>  
P. H. Lally, Detroit.<sup>4</sup>  
Wm. H. Snyder, Kalamazoo.  
Wm. H. Dunn, Saugatuck.  
Edgar A. Green, Grand Rapids.<sup>4</sup>  
Theodore Burton, Holly.  
George Wilcox, St. Louis.<sup>4</sup>  
Howard Bond, Muskegon.  
Isaac Grant, Reed City.  
James Sutton, Grand Rapids.<sup>4</sup>  
Charles A. Randall, Reed City.  
David Plumadore, Detroit.<sup>4</sup>

ALTERNATES

S. H. Carlton, Kalamazoo.<sup>4</sup>  
Milton Slater, Detroit.  
George Noble, Eaton Rapids.  
John Monk, Bangor.  
John Reiser, Grand Rapids.<sup>4</sup>  
John F. Beaumont, Milford.<sup>4</sup>  
R. F. Workmaster, Port Huron.  
Martin Kelsey, Lake View.  
Ezra Tyler, Muskegon.  
John Royce, Bay City.  
Fred Scofield, Jackson.  
J. W. Wycoff, Houghton.  
Peter Miller, Detroit.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.  
<sup>4</sup> Present.  
<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.  
<sup>8</sup> Past senior vice commander in chief.

MICHIGAN—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

R. A. Alger (provisional), 1867. <sup>2</sup>	George H. Hopkins, 1904. <sup>2</sup>
William A. Throop, 1868. <sup>2</sup>	E. C. Cannon, 1905. <sup>2</sup>
William Humphrey, 1869–70. <sup>2</sup>	Joseph P. Griswold, 1906. <sup>2</sup>
C. V. R. Pond, 1878–79. <sup>2</sup>	William Jibb, 1907. <sup>2</sup>
A. T. McReynolds, 1880. <sup>2</sup>	Charles E. Foote, 1908 (died in office). <sup>2</sup>
Byron R. Pierce, 1881–82. <sup>2</sup>	George L. Holmes, 1908. <sup>2</sup>
Oscar A. Janes, Detroit, 1883. <sup>8</sup>	James M. Greenfield, 1909. <sup>2</sup>
Rush J. Shank, 1884. <sup>2</sup>	Samuel J. Lawrence, 1910. <sup>2</sup>
Charles D. Long, 1885. <sup>2</sup>	George W. Stone, 1911. <sup>2</sup>
John Northwood, 1886. <sup>2</sup>	John T. Spillane, Detroit, 1912.
L. G. Rutherford, 1887. <sup>2</sup>	Frank R. Chase, Smyrna, 1913.
Washington Gardner, 1888. <sup>2</sup>	Riley L. Jones, 1914. <sup>2</sup>
Michael Brown, 1889 (see Montana). <sup>2</sup>	Henry C. Rankin, 1915 (died in office). <sup>2</sup>
Henry M. Duffield, 1890. <sup>2</sup>	Eli Strong, 1915. <sup>2</sup>
Charles L. Eaton, 1891. <sup>2</sup>	L. H. Ives, 1916. <sup>2</sup>
Henry S. Dean, 1892. <sup>2</sup>	William O. Lee, 1917. <sup>2</sup>
James H. Kidd, 1893. <sup>2</sup>	David S. Howard, 1918. <sup>2</sup>
Louis Kanitz, Muskegon, 1894.	Edwin F. Lamb, 1919. <sup>2</sup>
S. B. Daboll, 1895. <sup>2</sup>	Henry Spaulding, Lansing, 1920.
William Shakespeare, 1896. <sup>2</sup>	J. J. Holmes, 1921. <sup>2</sup>
Aaron T. Bliss, 1897. <sup>2</sup>	William Mears, 1922. <sup>2</sup>
Alex Patrick, 1898. <sup>2</sup>	Lyman A. Gilbert, Detroit, 1923. <sup>2</sup>
Russell R. Pealer, 1899. <sup>2</sup>	Marvin C. Barney, 1924. <sup>2</sup>
Ethel M. Allen, 1900. <sup>2</sup>	John Seel, 1925. <sup>2</sup>
James Van Kleeck, 1901. <sup>2</sup>	James R. Stephenson, 1926. <sup>2</sup>
Edward C. Anthony, 1902. <sup>2</sup>	Charles A. Bartlett, Detroit, 1927.
D. B. K. Van Raalte, 1903. <sup>2</sup>	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George L. Fisher, Fowlersville, 1885.	M. D. Richardson, Lansing, 1920. <sup>4</sup>
William H. Russell, Clio, 1889.	Samuel D. Bailey, Detroit, 1922. <sup>4</sup>
Theo. C. Putnam, Grand Rapids, 1901.	John A. Miller, Grand Rapids, 1923.
M. D. Morgan, Traverse City, 1906.	Edwin R. Havens, Lansing, 1924.
John A. Wardell, Lansing, 1913.	George W. Howe, Port Huron, 1925. <sup>4</sup>
Thomas Davey, Detroit, 1915.	Wm. E. Walker, Benton Harbor, 1927.
H. W. Stevens, Tecumseh, 1917.	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Dan J. Wilson, Jackson, 1905.	Arthur E. Ferry, St. Petersburg, Fla., 1924.
Albert Dunham, Jackson, 1910. <sup>4*</sup>	George S. Farrar, Port Austin, 1926.
Allison L. Bryant, Mayville, 1916. <sup>4</sup>	
George D. Freeman, Detroit, 1921.	

MINNESOTA (24)

[Organized August 14, 1867; reorganized August 17, 1881. Membership December 31, 1927, 632; posts, 85]

Department commander-----	T. P. Garrett <sup>4</sup> -----	Madelia.
Senior vice department commander-----	T. H. Peacock <sup>4</sup> -----	Minneapolis.
Junior vice department commander-----	Albert Fox-----	Brainerd.
Assistant adjutant general-----	W. S. Whitman <sup>4</sup> -----	St. Paul.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.	<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.
<sup>4</sup> Present.	<sup>8</sup> Past senior vice commander in chief.



MINNESOTA—Continued

REPRESENTATIVES

ALTERNATES

P. F. Dubay, Minneapolis.  
F. A. Coones, Winona.  
U. H. Palmer, St. James.<sup>4</sup>  
T. C. Wakefield, Hutchinson.  
W. C. Fisher, St. Paul.<sup>4</sup>  
J. W. Peaslee, Minneapolis.  
J. A. Wilson, Brainerd.

John T. Crippen, Ortonville.  
Charles M. Wilson, Duluth.  
Casper Wahlwend, Barnesville.  
M. L. Knowlton, Excelsior.  
I. T. Marsh, Minneapolis.  
Moses Emery, Caledonia.  
George F. Robinson, Windom.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Henry G. Hicks, 1868.<sup>2</sup>  
Henry A. Castle, 1872–1874.<sup>3</sup>  
George H. Johnson, 1876.<sup>2</sup>  
Adam Marty, 1881–82.<sup>2</sup>  
John P. Rea, 1883.<sup>2</sup>  
E. B. Rabb, 1884.<sup>2</sup>  
R. A. Becker, St. Paul, 1885.<sup>4</sup>  
William Thomas, 1886.<sup>2</sup>  
L. L. Wheelock, 1887.<sup>2</sup>  
James H. Ege, 1888.<sup>2</sup>  
Alphonse Barto, 1889.<sup>2</sup>  
James Compton, 1890.<sup>2</sup>  
Charles D. Parker, 1891.<sup>2</sup>  
L. M. Lange, 1892.<sup>2</sup>  
John Day Smith, Minneapolis, 1893.  
Samuel R. Van Sant, Minneapolis,  
1894.<sup>4 17</sup>  
Ell Torrance, Minneapolis, 1895.<sup>4 17</sup>  
J. J. McCardy, 1896.<sup>2</sup>  
E. B. Wood, 1897.<sup>2</sup>  
E. W. Mortimer, 1898.<sup>2</sup>  
D. B. Searle, 1899.<sup>2</sup>  
Gideon S. Ives, 1900.<sup>2</sup>  
William H. Harries, 1901.<sup>2</sup>  
Perry Starkweather, 1902.<sup>2</sup>

Isaac L. Mahan, 1903.<sup>2</sup>  
Harrison White, Seattle, Wash., 1904.  
C. F. MacDonald, 1905.<sup>2</sup>  
Levi Longfellow, 1906.<sup>2</sup>  
George A. Whitney, 1907.<sup>2</sup>  
Marcus W. Bates, 1908.<sup>2</sup>  
Loren W. Collins, 1909.<sup>2</sup>  
Philip G. Woodward, 1910.<sup>2</sup>  
J. A. Everett, 1911.<sup>2</sup>  
William P. Roberts, Minneapolis, 1912.<sup>4</sup>  
Charles H. Taylor, Long Prairie, 1913.<sup>4</sup>  
Charles H. Hopkins, 1914.<sup>2</sup>  
Watson W. Hall, 1915.<sup>2</sup>  
Charles Van Campen, 1916.<sup>2</sup>  
Silas S. Towler, Minneapolis, 1917.<sup>4 5</sup>  
Edwin F. Kenrick, 1918.<sup>2</sup>  
J. D. Budd, Duluth, 1919.  
J. A. Town, 1920.<sup>2</sup>  
S. W. Powell, 1921.<sup>2</sup>  
E. Z. Rasey, 1922.<sup>2</sup>  
W. H. Harrison, Duluth, 1923.  
S. E. Mahan, St. Paul, 1924.<sup>4 18</sup>  
W. T. Scram, Owatonna, 1925.  
P. G. Gorman, St. Cloud, 1926.  
Jacob Zuber, St. Paul, 1927.

MISSOURI (24)

[Organized May 16, 1867; reorganized April 22, 1882. Membership December 31, 1927, 776; posts, 67]

Department commander-----	John Ferguson <sup>4</sup> -----	Iberia.
Senior vice department commander-----	Perry Buchanan-----	Springfield.
Junior vice department commander-----	C. W. Burrill <sup>4</sup> -----	Kansas City.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Wilbur F. Henry <sup>4</sup> -----	St. Louis.

REPRESENTATIVES

ALTERNATES

P. L. Swartz, Joplin.<sup>4</sup>  
C. P. Woodruff, St. Louis.<sup>4</sup>  
A. M. Reynolds, St. Joseph.<sup>4</sup>  
R. B. Tyler, Joplin.  
F. Walton, St. Louis.<sup>4</sup>  
J. H. Steele, Mountain Grove.<sup>4</sup>  
T. L. Patton, Nevada.  
J. L. Pierson, St. Louis.<sup>4</sup>  
C. H. Mitchell, Kansas City.

Frank H. Stevens, St. Louis.<sup>4</sup>  
F. D. W. Arnold, Lamar.<sup>4</sup>  
D. L. Cook, Unionville.  
Smith George, St. Joseph.<sup>4</sup>  
L. L. Bowdish, Webb City.  
William Kowazek, Hawk Point.  
John Hollingsworth, Kansas City.  
Andrew Evans, St. Louis.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.  
<sup>4</sup> Present.  
<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.

<sup>17</sup> Past commander in chief.  
<sup>18</sup> Junior vice commander in chief.



MISSOURI—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William Warner, 1882–83. <sup>2</sup>	John M. Williams, 1906. <sup>2</sup>
W. F. Chamberlain, 1884. <sup>2</sup>	Thomas D. Kimball, 1907. <sup>2</sup>
Nelson Cole, 1885–86. <sup>2</sup>	J. V. Martin, Brookfield, 1908.
E. E. Kimball, 1887. <sup>2</sup>	W. H. Skinner, 1909. <sup>2</sup>
Hiram Smith, jr., 1888. <sup>2</sup>	Robert N. Denham, 1910. <sup>2</sup>
John E. Phelps, 1889 (see Washington and Alaska). <sup>2</sup>	Benjamin Warner, 1911. <sup>2</sup>
Leo Rassieur, St. Louis, 1890. <sup>4 17</sup>	Charles W. Ruby, 1912. <sup>2</sup>
George W. Martin, 1891. <sup>2</sup>	Arthur Dreifus, 1913. <sup>2</sup>
C. W. Whitehead, 1892. <sup>2</sup>	William Lowe, Warrensburg, 1914. <sup>4</sup>
Charles G. Burton, 1893. <sup>2</sup>	James B. Dobyne, 1915. <sup>2</sup>
Louis Grund, 1894. <sup>2</sup>	Alex McCandless, 1916. <sup>2</sup>
Louis Benecke, 1895. <sup>2</sup>	Thomas W. Evans, 1917. <sup>2</sup>
Thomas B. Rodgers, 1896. <sup>2</sup>	Phil F. Coghlan, 1918. <sup>2</sup>
John B. Platt, 1897. <sup>2</sup>	W. C. Calland, Springfield, 1919.
A. G. Peterson, 1898. <sup>2</sup>	Samuel D. Webster, 1920. <sup>2</sup>
John W. Scott, Daytona, Fla., 1899.	A. J. P. Barnes, Joplin, 1921.
Wilbur F. Henry, St. Louis, 1900. <sup>4 14</sup>	James H. Hunter, 1922. <sup>2</sup>
George Hall, 1901. <sup>2</sup>	Samuel M. Mann, 1923. <sup>2</sup>
Ira T. Bronson, 1902. <sup>2</sup>	Alfred Zartman, 1924. <sup>2</sup>
F. M. Sterrett, 1903 (see Ohio). <sup>2</sup>	Charles Koock, Sedalia, 1925.
Jere T. Dew, 1904. <sup>2</sup>	John W. Lanley, St. Louis, 1926. <sup>4</sup>
Henry Fairback, 1905. <sup>2</sup>	D. H. Baldridge, Joplin, 1927.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John Hack, Trenton, 1916, 1918.	Charles C. Bell, Booneville, 1927.
A. N. Seaber, Jefferson City, 1921.	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. Phelps, Joplin, 1893.	John T. Emmert, St. Joseph, 1924.
W. H. Evans, Herculaneum, 1911.	H. W. Sandusky, St. Joseph, 1926. <sup>4</sup>
G. W. Sparks, Trenton, 1920.	G. B. Cunningham, Youngstown, 1927. <sup>4</sup>

MONTANA (37)

[Organized March 10, 1885. Membership December 31, 1927, 116; posts, 10]

Department commander-----	W. D. White <sup>4</sup> -----	Billings.
Senior vice department commander----	Henry Bird-----	Bozeman.
Junior vice department commander----	Jack Johnson-----	Columbia Falls.
Assistant adjutant general-----	W. C. Lewis <sup>4</sup> -----	Helena.

REPRESENTATIVES

C. V. Boyer, Hamilton.<sup>4</sup>  
R. R. McCoun, Helena.<sup>4</sup>

ALTERNATES

W. H. Meyers, Columbia Falls.  
Frank Myers, Helena.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Thomas P. Fuller, 1885. <sup>2</sup>	John L. Sloan, 1892. <sup>2</sup>
Charles S. Warren, 1886. <sup>2</sup>	Joseph O. Gregg, Columbus, Ohio, 1893 (see Ohio).
Ela C. Water, 1887. <sup>2</sup>	Peter R. Dolman, 1894. <sup>2</sup>
Julius G. Sanders, 1888. <sup>2</sup>	Robert E. Fisk, 1895. <sup>2</sup>
Michael Brown, 1889. <sup>2</sup>	Lester S. Willson, 1896. <sup>2</sup>
James E. Galloway, 1889. <sup>2</sup>	Thaddeus C. Davidson, 1897. <sup>2</sup>
Ed. S. Ferris, 1890. <sup>2</sup>	W. H. H. Dickinson, 1898. <sup>2</sup>
Harry C. Kessler, 1891. <sup>2</sup>	

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.  
<sup>4</sup> Present.

<sup>14</sup> Assistant adjutant general.  
<sup>17</sup> Past commander in chief.

MONTANA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

C. B. Miller, 1899. <sup>2</sup>	W. Y. Smith, 1912. <sup>2</sup>
P. B. Manchester, 1900 (see California and Nevada). <sup>2</sup>	P. W. Sheehy, 1913. <sup>2</sup>
Frank P. Sterling, 1901. <sup>2</sup>	E. L. Barnes, 1914. <sup>2</sup>
Alanson N. Bull, 1902. <sup>2</sup>	James R. Goss, Billings, 1915. <sup>4</sup>
J. S. Wisner, 1903. <sup>2</sup>	G. I. Reiche, Helena, 1916. <sup>4 5</sup>
Henry N. Blake, 1904. <sup>2</sup>	Simon Hauswirth, Butte, 1917. <sup>4</sup>
Wilbur F. Sanders, 1905. <sup>2</sup>	John Marchion, Anaconda, 1918. <sup>4</sup>
J. B. Wolgemuth, 1905 (see South Dakota). <sup>2</sup>	J. Perry McClain, Lo Lo, 1919.
A. J. Fisk, 1906. <sup>2</sup>	J. M. Page, 1920. <sup>2</sup>
B. N. Beebe, 1907. <sup>2</sup>	Charles S. Shoemaker, Butte, 1921. <sup>4</sup>
Edwin C. Kinney, 1908. <sup>2</sup>	William Coleman, 1922. <sup>2</sup>
Edwin S. Pease, 1909. <sup>2</sup>	W. B. Harlan, Columbia Falls, 1923. <sup>4</sup>
Robert G. Huston, 1910. <sup>2</sup>	D. I. Breneman, Hamilton, 1924.
John J. Rohrbaugh, 1911. <sup>2</sup>	R. L. Cleveland, Great Falls, 1925.
	Jacob Ohl, Missoula, 1926.
	C. E. Adams, Three Forks, 1927.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

H. H. Makinson, Butte, 1925.<sup>4</sup>

NEBRASKA (17)

[Organized June 11, 1877. Membership December 31, 1927, 749 ; posts, 88]

Department commander-----	H. V. Hoagland <sup>4</sup> -----	Lincoln.
Senior vice department commander-----	T. J. Smith <sup>4</sup> -----	McCook.
Junior vice department commander-----	William Balfour <sup>4</sup> -----	Nehawka.
Assistant adjutant general-----	F. A. Damewood <sup>4</sup> -----	Lincoln.

REPRESENTATIVES

J. H. Lyons, Kearney.<sup>4</sup>  
 L. C. McBride, Lincoln.<sup>4</sup>  
 J. H. Berger, Omaha.<sup>4</sup>  
 P. C. Funk, Funk.<sup>4</sup>  
 H. H. Windsor, York.<sup>4</sup>  
 Robert Ball Anderson, Hemingford.<sup>4</sup>  
 Matt Leach, Kimball.<sup>4</sup>  
 W. M. Foskett, Scottsbluff.

ALTERNATES

J. M. Mahaffey, Bennett.<sup>4</sup>  
 T. C. Hageman, McCook.  
 W. F. Garver, Humboldt.  
 Chester Holloway, Gibbon.  
 H. C. Kiester, St. Edward.  
 William Coon, Lincoln.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Paul Van Devoort, 1877. <sup>2</sup>	Clarendon E. Adams, 1895. <sup>2</sup>
R. H. Wilbur, 1878. <sup>2</sup>	J. H. Culver, 1896. <sup>2</sup>
James W. Savage, 1879-80. <sup>2</sup>	John A. Ehrhardt, 1897. <sup>2</sup>
S. J. Alexander, 1881-82. <sup>2</sup>	Thomas J. Majors, Peru, 1898. <sup>4</sup>
John C. Bonnell, 1883. <sup>13</sup>	John E. Evans, 1899. <sup>2</sup>
Henry E. Palmer, 1884. <sup>2</sup>	John Reese, Broken Bow, 1900. <sup>4 19</sup>
A. V. Cole, Long Beach, Calif., 1885 (see California and Nevada).	R. S. Wilcox, Omaha, 1901.
John M. Thayer, 1886. <sup>2</sup>	C. F. Steele, 1902. <sup>2</sup>
H. C. Russell, 1887. <sup>2</sup>	Lee Estelle, 1903. <sup>2</sup>
W. C. Henry, 1888. <sup>2</sup>	Harmon Bross, 1904. <sup>2</sup>
J. B. Davis (died in office), 1889. <sup>2</sup>	John Lett, York, 1905.
S. H. Morrison, 1889. <sup>2</sup>	John R. Maxson, 1906. <sup>2</sup>
T. S. Clarkson, 1890. <sup>2</sup>	Thomas Creigh, 1907. <sup>2</sup>
Joseph Teeter, 1891. <sup>2</sup>	Eli A. Barnes, 1908. <sup>2</sup>
C. J. Dilworth, 1892. <sup>2</sup>	L. D. Richards, Fremont, 1909.
A. H. Church, 1893. <sup>2</sup>	John F. Diener, 1910. <sup>2</sup>
Church Howe, 1894. <sup>2</sup>	A. M. Trimble, 1911. <sup>2</sup>
	M. V. King, 1912. <sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>4</sup> Present.

<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.

<sup>13</sup> Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.

<sup>19</sup> Judge advocate general.



## NEBRASKA—Continued

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

John A. Dempster, 1913. <sup>2</sup>	W. J. Blystone, 1921. <sup>2</sup>
O. H. Durand, 1914. <sup>2</sup>	John S. Davisson, Omaha, 1922.
George C. Humphrey, 1915. <sup>2</sup>	O. C. Bell, Lincoln, 1923. <sup>4</sup>
W. H. Stewart, 1916. <sup>2</sup>	S. F. Sanders, 1924. <sup>2</sup>
Wilson E. Majors, Peru, 1917.	E. F. Brown, Lincoln, 1925. <sup>4 5</sup>
J. S. Hoagland, 1918. <sup>2</sup>	J. O. Moore, Milford, 1926. <sup>4</sup>
J. B. Strode, 1919. <sup>2</sup>	David Bryson, Burkett, 1927.
Joseph H. Presson, 1920. <sup>2</sup>	
Griff J. Thomas, 1879–1881 (transferred from Wisconsin). <sup>2</sup>	

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. R. Beachell, Waverly. <sup>4</sup>	W. L. Hilyard, Superior. <sup>4</sup>
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## PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Levi M. Copeland, Minden, 1915.	T. E. Moore, Omaha, 1925. <sup>4</sup>
J. M. Fodge, 1920. <sup>2</sup>	David Jack, Peru, 1926. <sup>4</sup>
G. B. Chase, Juniata, 1924.	J. G. Hendryx, Grand Island, 1927.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE (12)

[Organized June 30, 1868. Membership December 31, 1927, 286; posts, 42]

Department commander-----	Joseph Willis <sup>4</sup> -----	Woodsville.
Senior vice department commander---	O. T. Murdick-----	Keene.
Junior vice department commander---	William W. Fish-----	Mount Vernon.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Frank Battles-----	Concord.

## REPRESENTATIVES

C. H. Estes, Alton, <sup>4</sup>	H. S. Paul, Portsmouth. <sup>4</sup>
George P. Morrill, West Concord. <sup>4</sup>	

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Matthew T. Betton, 1867. <sup>2</sup>	Lewis W. Aldrich, 1896. <sup>2</sup>
William R. Patten, 1868. <sup>2</sup>	James Minot, 1897. <sup>2</sup>
Daniel J. Vaughn, 1869. <sup>2</sup>	A. S. Twitchell, 1898. <sup>2</sup>
James E. Larkin, 1870. <sup>2</sup>	Horace L. Worcester, 1899. <sup>2</sup>
Augustus H. Bixby, 1871. <sup>2</sup>	D. E. Proctor, 1900. <sup>2</sup>
William H. Trickey, Tilton, 1872.	A. C. Haines, 1901. <sup>2</sup>
Timothy W. Challis, 1873–74. <sup>2</sup>	William S. Carter, Lebanon, 1902.
Alvin S. Eaton, 1875. <sup>2</sup>	Edwin E. Parker, 1903. <sup>2</sup>
Charles J. Richards, 1876–1878. <sup>2</sup>	Henry O. Kent, 1904. <sup>2</sup>
George Bowers, 1879–80. <sup>2</sup>	Daniel B. Newhall, 1905. <sup>2</sup>
Marton A. Haynes, 1881–82. <sup>2</sup>	Osman B. Warren, 1906. <sup>2</sup>
John C. Linehan, 1883–84. <sup>2</sup>	William S. Pillsbury, 1907. <sup>2</sup>
Marcus M. Collis, 1885. <sup>2</sup>	Augustus D. Sanborn, 1908. <sup>2</sup>
George Farr, 1886. <sup>2</sup>	Charles W. Stevens, 1909. <sup>2</sup>
Otis C. Wyatt, 1887. <sup>2</sup>	Albert D. Scovell, Manchester, 1910.
A. B. Thompson, 1888. <sup>2</sup>	Henry E. Conant (died in office), 1911. <sup>2</sup>
James F. Grimes, 1889. <sup>2</sup>	William A. Beckford, 1911. <sup>2</sup>
Thomas Cogswell, 1890. <sup>2</sup>	George K. Stratton, Bradford, 1912.
Everett B. Huse, 1891. <sup>2</sup>	David R. Roys, 1913. <sup>2</sup>
Daniel Hall, 1892. <sup>2</sup>	O. B. Douglas, 1914. <sup>2</sup>
Frank G. Noyes, 1893. <sup>2</sup>	M. B. Plummer, 1915. <sup>2</sup>
David R. Pierce, 1894. <sup>2</sup>	Reuben T. Leavitt, 1916. <sup>2</sup>
Charles E. Buzzell, 1895. <sup>2</sup>	

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>4</sup> Present.<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.



## NEW HAMPSHIRE—Continued

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

Charles W. Hobbs, 1917.<sup>2</sup>  
 Eugene Wason, 1918.<sup>2</sup>  
 Frank W. Wilson, Manchester, 1919.  
 James H. Hunt, 1920.<sup>2</sup>  
 Arthur Thompson, 1921.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. N. Patterson, 1922.<sup>2</sup>

J. C. Lewis, Milford, 1923.  
 William Blair, Gorham, 1924.  
 J. R. Squires, Haverhill, 1925.  
 Albert J. Barr, 1926.<sup>2</sup>  
 Eben C. Chase, Hooksett, 1927.<sup>4 5</sup>

## NEW JERSEY (8)

[Organized December 10, 1867. Membership December 31, 1927, 452; posts, 37]

Department commander-----	Charles Hopper <sup>4</sup> -----	Newark.
Senior vice department commander----	Spencer Smith <sup>4</sup> -----	New York City.
Junior vice department commander----		
Assistant adjutant general-----	Walter S. Tully <sup>4</sup> -----	Hillside.

## REPRESENTATIVES

• E. Everson, Union City.<sup>4</sup>  
 Charles Schittig, Union City.<sup>4</sup>  
 G. Leifer, Kearny.<sup>4</sup>  
 G. A. Jackson, Jersey City.  
 J. H. Conger, New Brunswick.<sup>4</sup>  
 Benjamin Deering, Springfield.

## ALTERNATES

J. B. Swan, Atlantic Highlands.<sup>4</sup>  
 Martin Wagner, Jersey City.<sup>4</sup>

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

E. Jardine, 1868.<sup>2</sup>  
 William Ward, 1869-70.<sup>2</sup>  
 Richard H. Lee, 1871-72.<sup>2</sup>  
 John R. Goble, 1873.<sup>2</sup>  
 Chas. Burrows, Rutherford, 1874-75.<sup>3</sup>  
 E. W. Davis, 1876.<sup>2</sup>  
 John Muller, 1877-78.<sup>2</sup>  
 Samuel Hufty, 1879.<sup>2</sup>  
 George W. Gile, 1880.<sup>2</sup>  
 Charles H. Houghton, 1881.<sup>2</sup>  
 E. L. Campbell, 1882.<sup>2</sup>  
 George Fielder, 1883.<sup>2</sup>  
 Henry M. Nevius, 1884-85.<sup>2</sup>  
 Frank O. Cole, Jersey City, 1886.<sup>4</sup>  
 J. L. Wheeler, 1887.<sup>2</sup>  
 E. Burd Grubb, 1888.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. E. B. Miller, 1889.<sup>2</sup>  
 A. M. Matthews, 1890.<sup>2</sup>  
 James R. Mullikin, 1891.<sup>2</sup>  
 R. A. Donnelly, 1892.<sup>2</sup>  
 H. L. Hartshorn, 1893.<sup>2</sup>  
 John Shields, 1894.<sup>2</sup>  
 Henry S. White, 1895.<sup>2</sup>  
 Ernest C. Stahl, 1896.<sup>2</sup>  
 Emanuel Sands, 1897.<sup>2</sup>  
 Samuel G. Hayter, 1897.<sup>2</sup>  
 William C. Smith, Plainfield, 1898.<sup>4</sup>  
 George Barrett, Camden, 1899.  
 E. V. Richards, 1900.<sup>2</sup>

J. Lawrence, 1901.<sup>2</sup>  
 Enos F. Hann, Atlantic City, 1902.<sup>4</sup>  
 Stephen M. Long, 1903.<sup>2</sup>  
 James M. Atwood, 1904.<sup>2</sup>  
 Charles Curie, 1905.<sup>2</sup>  
 Alfred Atkins, 1906.<sup>2</sup>  
 Arthur W. Tench, Maplewood, 1907.  
 John Foran, 1908.<sup>2</sup>  
 James F. Connelly, 1909.<sup>2</sup>  
 James Inglis, jr., 1910.<sup>2</sup>  
 Adrian S. Appleget, 1911.<sup>2</sup>  
 Terrance J. McDonald, 1912.<sup>2</sup>  
 John W. Bodine, 1913.<sup>2</sup>  
 Forman J. Reynolds, 1914.<sup>2</sup>  
 Samuel G. Garretson, 1914.<sup>2</sup>  
 William F. Washington, 1915.<sup>2</sup>  
 William O. Allen, Newark, 1916.<sup>4 5</sup>  
 Walter S. Tully, Hillside, 1917.<sup>4 14</sup>  
 George E. Boyd, Jersey City, 1918.  
 A. J. Washburn (died in office), 1919.<sup>2</sup>  
 Frank Briden, sr., 1919.<sup>2</sup>  
 John T. McNeil, 1920.<sup>2</sup>  
 Isaac Cole, 1921.<sup>2</sup>  
 James A. Rikeman, 1922.<sup>2</sup>  
 P. J. Lydecker, 1923-24.<sup>2</sup>  
 Leonard L. Roray, Camden, 1925.<sup>4</sup>  
 Joseph A. Goodrich, Jersey City, 1926.<sup>4</sup>  
 Augustus Van Giesen, Paterson, 1927.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>4</sup> Present.

<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.

<sup>3</sup> Past senior vice commander in chief.

<sup>14</sup> Assistant adjutant general.

## NEW JERSEY—Continued

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. H. Kirkbride, Camden, 1903.  
W. W. Mendell, Cranford, 1907.  
A. C. Gile, Cape May, 1917.

Frank Baker, Union City, 1921.<sup>4</sup>  
J. H. White, Long Branch, 1924.  
Johnston Riley, Chews, 1927.

## PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Uriah Seeley, Newark, 1905.

Godfrey Dilloway, Jersey City, 1927.

## NEW MEXICO (32)

[Organized July 14, 1883. Membership December 31, 1927, 20; posts, 2]

Department commander-----	J. W. Davis-----	Moriarity.
Senior vice department commander----	Chas. St. Vrain-----	Albuquerque.
Junior vice department commander----	A. Harsch-----	Albuquerque.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Z. H. Bliss <sup>4</sup> -----	Albuquerque.

## REPRESENTATIVE

Andrew Horn, Santa Fe.

## ALTERNATE

Nicholas McKinney, Santa Fe.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Henry M. Atkins, 1883.<sup>2</sup>  
Edward W. Wyncoop, 1884.<sup>2</sup>  
J. J. Fitzgerell, 1885 (see Tennessee).<sup>13</sup>  
E. S. Stover, 1886.<sup>2</sup>  
John Y. Hewitt, White Oaks, 1887.  
Francis Downs, 1888.<sup>2</sup>  
John H. Mills, 1889.<sup>2</sup>  
Lee H. Rudisille, 1890.<sup>2</sup>  
A. M. Whitcomb, 1890.<sup>2</sup>  
Albert J. Fountain, 1891.<sup>2</sup>  
S. W. Dorsey, 1892.<sup>2</sup>  
W. H. Whiteman, 1893.<sup>2</sup>  
George W. Knaebel, 1894.<sup>3</sup>  
Thomas W. Collier, 1895.<sup>2</sup>  
John C. Bromagen, 1896.<sup>2</sup>  
Francis Downs, 1897-98.<sup>2</sup>  
Leverett Clark, 1898.<sup>2</sup>  
George W. Knachel, 1899.<sup>3</sup>  
John R. McFie, Santa Fe, 1900-1901.  
John W. Edwards, Fullerton, Calif., 1902-3 (see California and Nevada).  
Theo. W. Heman, 1904.<sup>2</sup>  
Jacob Weltmer, 1905.<sup>2</sup>

W. B. Brunton, 1906.<sup>2</sup>  
W. W. McDonald, 1907.<sup>2</sup>  
John P. Victory, 1908.<sup>2</sup>  
John W. Long, 1909.<sup>2</sup>  
H. B. Steward, Santa Monica, Calif., 1910 (see California and Nevada).  
A. D. Higgins, 1911.<sup>2</sup>  
J. G. Caldwell, 1912.<sup>2</sup>  
D. M. Sutherland, Alamogordo, 1913.  
John A. Ross, 1914.<sup>2</sup>  
Z. H. Bliss, Albuquerque, 1915.<sup>14</sup>  
F. E. Olney, 1916.<sup>2</sup>  
Jefferson Reynolds, 1917.<sup>2</sup>  
John W. Terry, 1918.<sup>2</sup>  
O. L. Gregory, 1919.<sup>2</sup>  
William M. Berger, 1920.<sup>2</sup>  
John Shank, 1921.<sup>2</sup>  
John Greenwald, 1922 (died in office).<sup>2</sup>  
John C. Hull, Santa Fe, 1922.  
B. A. Jones, 1923.<sup>2</sup>  
Z. H. Bliss, Albuquerque, 1924.<sup>4 14</sup>  
M. C. Pickens, Farmington, 1925.  
John R. McFie, Santa Fe, 1926-27.<sup>6</sup>

## NEW YORK (5)

[Organized April 3, 1867. Membership December 31, 1927, 2,918; posts, 277]

Department commander-----	William Patton Griffith <sup>4</sup> ----	Brooklyn.
Senior vice department commander----	Charles T. Peck-----	Rochester.
Junior vice department commander----	Frank P. Frost <sup>4</sup> -----	Elmira.
Assistant adjutant general-----	John C. Mullins <sup>4</sup> -----	Brooklyn.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>3</sup> Not now a member of the order.

<sup>4</sup> Present.

<sup>6</sup> Department commander, 1900-01.

<sup>13</sup> Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.

<sup>14</sup> Assistant adjutant general.



## NEW YORK—Continued

## REPRESENTATIVES

Martin V. Stone, Jamestown.  
 William A. Howell, Olean.<sup>4</sup>  
 Sandford Levan, Lockport.  
 Alson B. Ostrander, Seattle, Wash.<sup>4</sup>  
 George B. Fairhead, Utica.  
 Robert P. Knapp, Middletown.<sup>4</sup>  
 John S. Pitt, Short Tract.<sup>4</sup>  
 Thomas W. Gordan, Geneseo.<sup>4</sup>  
 Charles R. Sweet, Buffalo.<sup>4</sup>  
 W. M. Barrow, Keuka Park.  
 George C. Eldridge, Dumont, N. J.<sup>4</sup>  
 William Busch, Floral Park, Long Island.  
 Fred J. Turner, Fair Haven.<sup>4</sup>  
 Simon Nager, Queens, Long Island.<sup>4</sup>  
 Edward M. Griffiths, New York.  
 Henry J. Kearney, New York.<sup>4</sup>  
 Joseph H. Benzino, Buffalo.<sup>4</sup>  
 Alfred L. Bennett, Queens Village, L. I.  
 Francis Keyser, Brooklyn.  
 Joseph Bauer, Rochester.  
 Thomas Barker, Bellmore, L. I.<sup>4</sup>  
 George R. Brown, Brooklyn.<sup>4</sup>  
 William Murrell, Corning.<sup>4</sup>  
 Frank M. Fisher, Buffalo.<sup>4</sup>  
 John Maxwell, Buffalo.<sup>4</sup>  
 Edward J. Hoffman, Brooklyn.<sup>4</sup>  
 George H. Taylor, New York.<sup>4</sup>  
 Edgar L. Deming, Syracuse.  
 John H. Thomas, Brooklyn.  
 William G. Brady, Brooklyn.

## ALTERNATES

Jesse W. Mills, Brooklyn.  
 Garrett Breier, Buffalo.<sup>4</sup>  
 William D. C. Holmes, Aqueduct, Long Island.  
 C. L. Vincent, Elmira.  
 Walter T. Haight, Brooklyn.  
 Daniel A. O'Mara, New York.  
 Albert L. Morgan, Dexter.  
 Alexander Parsons, Lawyersville.  
 R. F. Knapp, Saratoga.  
 W. J. Carver, Binghamton.<sup>4</sup>  
 Thomas B. Sweet, Auburn.  
 George W. Rowell, Oneonta.  
 William T. Smith, Waterloo.  
 Edward S. Rozell, Johnson City.  
 John W. Distin, Fulton.  
 Thomas Valleau, New York.<sup>4</sup>  
 Charles Heacox, Prospect.<sup>4</sup>

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James B. McKean, 1866-67.<sup>2</sup>  
 Daniel E. Sickles, 1868-69.<sup>2</sup>  
 Edwin B. Lansing, 1869.<sup>2</sup>  
 John C. Robinson, 1870.<sup>2</sup>  
 Henry A. Barnum, 1871-72.<sup>2</sup>  
 Stephen P. Corliss, 1873-74.<sup>2</sup>  
 Edward Jardine, 1874.<sup>2</sup>  
 John Palmer, 1875.<sup>2</sup>  
 James Tanner, 1876-77.<sup>2</sup>  
 William F. Rogers, 1878.<sup>2</sup>  
 James McQuade, 1879.<sup>2</sup>  
 L. Coe Young, 1880.<sup>2</sup>  
 Abram Merritt, 1881.<sup>2</sup>  
 James S. Fraser, 1882.<sup>2</sup>  
 John A. Reynolds, 1883.<sup>2</sup>  
 Ira M. Hedges, 1884.<sup>2</sup>  
 H. Clay Hall, 1885.<sup>2</sup>  
 Joseph I. Sayles, 1886.<sup>2</sup>  
 George H. Treadwell, 1887.<sup>2</sup>  
 N. Martin Curtis, 1888.<sup>2</sup>  
 Harrison Clark, 1889.<sup>2</sup>  
 Floyd Clarkson, 1890.<sup>2</sup>  
 Charles H. Freeman, 1891.<sup>2</sup>  
 Theodore L. Poole, 1892.<sup>2</sup>  
 Joseph P. Cleary, 1893.<sup>2</sup>

John C. Shotts, 1894.<sup>2</sup>  
 Edward J. Atkinson, 1895.<sup>2</sup>  
 James S. Graham, Rochester, 1896.  
 Albert D. Shaw, 1897.<sup>2</sup>  
 Anson S. Wood, 1898.<sup>2</sup>  
 Joseph W. Kay, 1899.<sup>2</sup>  
 N. P. Pond, 1900.<sup>2</sup>  
 Charles A. Orr, 1901.<sup>2</sup>  
 Allan C. Bakewell, 1902.<sup>2</sup>  
 John S. Koster, 1903.<sup>2</sup>  
 Henry N. Burhans, 1904.<sup>2</sup>  
 James M. Snyder, 1905.<sup>2</sup>  
 John S. Maxwell, Amsterdam, 1906.<sup>4</sup>  
 Harlan J. Swift, 1907.<sup>2</sup>  
 William H. Daniels, 1908.<sup>2</sup>  
 M. J. Cummings, 1909.<sup>2</sup>  
 DeWitt C. Hurd, 1910.<sup>2</sup>  
 George B. Loud, 1911.<sup>2</sup>  
 Oscar Smith, Albany, 1912.  
 Samuel C. Pierce, Rochester, 1913.  
 James D. Bell, 1914.<sup>2</sup>  
 Zan L. Tidball, New Valparaiso, Fla., 1915.  
 Solomon W. Russell, 1916.<sup>2</sup>  
 William F. Kirchner, 1917.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>4</sup> Present.



## NEW YORK—Continued

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

Lewis S. Pilcher, Brooklyn, 1918.<sup>4 17</sup>  
 Joseph E. Ewell, 1919.<sup>2</sup>  
 Alfred E. Stacey, Elbridge, 1920.<sup>4</sup>  
 Isadore Isaacs, 1921.<sup>2</sup>  
 Calvin A. Brainard, Buffalo, 1922.<sup>4 20</sup>  
 Thomas J. McConekey, 1923.<sup>2</sup>  
 Henry L. Keene, Bath, 1924.

Duncan J. McMillan, New York, 1925.<sup>4</sup>  
 John Van Duyn, Syracuse, 1926.  
 George W. Flynn, 1927 (died in office).<sup>2</sup>  
 William M. Chatham, 1928 (died in office).<sup>2</sup>  
 Henry Lilly, New York, 1928.<sup>4</sup>

De Alva S. Alexander, 1884, transferred from Potomac.<sup>2</sup>

W. L. Palmer, 1899, transferred from South Dakota.<sup>2</sup>

A. E. Sholes, Flushing, 1891, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina.

David R. Wilson, New York, 1906, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.

John C. Gipson, San Diego, Calif., 1902 (transferred from Oklahoma) (see California and Nevada).

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. Stewart Warner, Skaneateles, 1918.<sup>4</sup>  
 Alfred A. Lord, Binghamton, 1921.  
 Philip M. Wales, Troy, 1922.

Charles A. Shaw, New York, 1924.  
 Thomas H. Stritch, Brooklyn, 1926.<sup>4</sup>  
 John T. Brennan, Watertown, 1928.

## PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Walter Scott, Brooklyn, 1897.  
 C. J. Westcott, Oneonta, 1911.  
 Robert Simpson, jr., Fulton, 1914.<sup>4</sup>

Louis H. La Vallee, Delmar, 1919.<sup>4 5</sup>  
 Michael B. Wood, New York, 1923.

## NORTH DAKOTA (43)

[Organized April 23, 1890. Membership December 31, 1927, 60; posts, 14]

Department commander-----	R. M. Donnelly-----	Jamestown.
Senior vice department commander---	R. D. Bagley <sup>4</sup> -----	Minot.
Junior vice department commander---	E. E. Sparks-----	Devils Lake.
Assistant adjutant general-----	J. W. Carroll <sup>4</sup> -----	Lisbon.

## REPRESENTATIVES

John Charles, Tower City.  
 P. A. Cooney.<sup>4</sup>

## ALTERNATES

S. W. Townsend.  
 Thomas Sheard.<sup>4</sup>

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Harrison Allen, 1899.<sup>2</sup>  
 George B. Winship, San Diego, Calif., 1890.  
 William A. Bentley, 1891 (see California and Nevada).<sup>2</sup>  
 Samuel G. Roberts, 1892.<sup>2</sup>  
 John D. Black, 1893.<sup>2</sup>  
 James M. O'Neale, 1894.<sup>2</sup>  
 A. P. Rounseville, 1895 (see Florida).<sup>2</sup>  
 William H. Brown, 1896.<sup>2</sup>  
 Edward C. Geary, 1897.<sup>2</sup>  
 Edwin Southard, 1898.<sup>2</sup>  
 William Ackerman, 1899.<sup>2</sup>  
 Freeman Orcutt, 1900.<sup>2</sup>  
 D. G. Duell, Devils Lake, 1901.<sup>4</sup>  
 John C. Gipson, San Diego, Calif., 1902. (see Oklahoma, New York, and California and Nevada).

H. J. Rowe, Minneapolis, Minn., 1903.  
 D. F. Siegfried, 1904.<sup>2</sup>  
 Joseph Hare, 1905.<sup>2</sup>  
 B. F. Bigelow, 1906.<sup>2</sup>  
 Sylvester J. Hill, 1907.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. L. Richmond, 1908.<sup>2</sup>  
 Halsey Curry, 1909.<sup>2</sup>  
 Albert Roberts, Devils Lake, 1910.<sup>4</sup>  
 James H. Mathews, 1911.<sup>2</sup>  
 George W. Kurtz, 1912.<sup>2</sup>  
 G. B. Vallandigham, 1913.<sup>2</sup>  
 Alexander Hay, Wahpeton, 1914.  
 John L. Smith, 1915.<sup>2</sup>  
 Henry Beal, 1916.<sup>2</sup>  
 Christian Schmidt, San Diego, Calif., 1917.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>4</sup> Present.

<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.

<sup>17</sup> Past commander in chief.

<sup>20</sup> Senior vice commander in chief.

NORTH DAKOTA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

J. W. Carroll, Lisbon, 1918. <sup>4 14</sup>	H. F. Dinsmore, Geddes, 1923. <sup>4</sup>
James McCormick, Devils Lake, 1919. <sup>4</sup>	F. C. Conklin, Minot, 1924. <sup>4</sup>
David B. McClain, 1920. <sup>2</sup>	George Hawks, Fargo, 1925. <sup>4 5</sup>
Orange A. Potter, 1920. <sup>2</sup>	John A. Searight, Towner, 1926.
Charles P. Stearns, Valley City, 1921. <sup>4</sup>	Charles Cotter, Fargo, 1927. <sup>4</sup>
Smith Stimmel, Fargo, 1922.	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. I. Clark, Devils Lake, 1925.	D. S. Sheets, Englevale, 1927.
J. Michels, Minnewaukon, 1926.	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Charles A. Palmer, Casselton, 1926. <sup>4</sup>	C. P. Crary, Ellendale, 1927.
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OHIO (4)

[Organized January 30, 1867. Membership December 31, 1927, 3,133 ; posts, 242]

Department commander-----	John McClay <sup>4</sup> -----	Columbus.
Senior vice department commander-----	S. M. Fletcher <sup>4</sup> -----	Lima.
Junior vice department commander-----	W. H. Little <sup>4</sup> -----	Canton.
Assistant adjutant general-----	L. N. Conard <sup>4</sup> -----	Columbus.

REPRESENTATIVES

Gustavus Smith, Dayton.<sup>4</sup>  
Frederick R. Sparks, Norwood.<sup>4</sup>  
John Thompson, Covington, Ky.  
J. S. Kimbrough, Wilmington.<sup>4</sup>  
W. F. Brandt, Dayton.<sup>4</sup>  
D. M. Robbins, Columbus.  
Charles W. Embich, Lancaster.  
William Clouse, Ironton.  
George Funk, New Lexington.<sup>4</sup>  
George V. Kern, Adamsville.  
C. N. Cooper, Ohio Soldiers' and  
Sailors' Home.  
Marion Hopkins, Marysville.  
Charles I. McDargh, Urbana.<sup>4</sup>  
John H. King, Findlay.<sup>4</sup>  
John R. P. Foster, Bowling Green.<sup>4</sup>  
George T. Harding, Marion.  
Theodore B. Tucker, Toledo.  
N. T. Longwell, Columbus.<sup>4</sup>  
D. J. Foraker, Cambridge.<sup>4</sup>  
H. E. Yingst, Toronto.<sup>4</sup>  
Henry Russell, Alliance.<sup>4</sup>  
Harry Eaby, Wooster.  
James Judy, Columbus.  
Adam Rider, Columbus.  
A. D. Miller, Akron.<sup>4</sup>  
W. A. Talbott, Cleveland.<sup>4</sup>  
Joseph A. Day, East Cleveland.<sup>4</sup>  
F. S. Morris, Chardon.<sup>4</sup>  
Andrew Anschutz, Cincinnati.<sup>4</sup>  
A. B. Adams, Cincinnati.<sup>4</sup>  
D. J. Morris, Lebanon.  
H. W. Teachnor, Manchester.

ALTERNATES

S. P. Zehring, Dayton.<sup>4</sup>  
H. Clay Osborn, South Charleston.  
O. H. Spencer, Circleville.  
Harry B. Kahmar, Portsmouth.  
A. D. King, McConnelsville.  
William King, Lancaster.<sup>4</sup>  
Jeff L. Richey, Marysville.  
Byron Joslin, Sidney.  
William Kline, Gilboa.  
George W. Hamet, West Unity.  
Dan Hartman, Napoleon.  
Mart Showers, Bowling Green.  
James DeWolf, Marion.  
Charles M. Sloane, Toledo.  
T. J. Shocker, Mansfield.<sup>4</sup>  
C. C. Williams, New Philadelphia.<sup>2</sup>  
James Cragbill, Cadiz.  
William Horne, Salem.  
W. E. Sprague, Youngstown.<sup>4</sup>  
Fred Clodfelter, Wooster.  
S. G. Robinson, Columbus.  
Joseph Foark, Hilliards.<sup>4</sup>  
S. A. McCoy, Akron.  
W. R. Austin, Cleveland.<sup>4</sup>  
H. W. Blackman, Cleveland.  
Sylvanus Walter Archbold.<sup>4</sup>  
George A. Pingree, Worthington.<sup>4</sup>  
W. H. Thomas, Westerville.<sup>4</sup>  
S. A. Williams, Wellington.<sup>4</sup>  
Frank Pappert, Springfield.<sup>4</sup>  
T. J. Miranda, New Carlisle.<sup>4</sup>  
M. M. Southworth, Alliance.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.  
<sup>4</sup> Present.  
<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.  
<sup>14</sup> Assistant adjutant general.



## OHIO—Continued

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Potts, 1866. <sup>2</sup>	Elias R. Monfort, 1900. <sup>2</sup>
Thomas L. Young, 1867. <sup>2</sup>	Emmett F. Taggart, Akron, 1901. <sup>4 5</sup>
J. Warren Keifer, Springfield, 1868–1870. <sup>21</sup>	Walton Weber, 1902. <sup>2</sup>
William C. Bunts, 1871–72. <sup>2</sup>	Arthur C. Yengling, 1903. <sup>2</sup>
G. M. Barber, 1873–74. <sup>2</sup>	B. M. Moulton, 1904. <sup>2</sup>
Alvin C. Voris, 1875. <sup>2</sup>	Amos Huffman, 1905. <sup>2</sup>
William Earnshaw, 1876–77. <sup>2</sup>	George A. Harmon, 1906. <sup>2</sup>
Nathan L. Guthrie, 1878. <sup>2</sup>	W. S. Rogers, 1907. <sup>2</sup>
James H. Seymour, 1879. <sup>2</sup>	John H. Sharer (died in office), 1908.
James H. Steadman, 1879. <sup>2</sup>	George Hall, Lima, 1908.
David W. Thomas, 1880. <sup>2</sup>	Charles H. Newton, 1909. <sup>2</sup>
John S. Kountz, 1881. <sup>2</sup>	Henry A. Axline, 1910. <sup>2</sup>
Charles T. Clark, 1882–83. <sup>2</sup>	J. F. Johnston, 1911. <sup>2</sup>
H. P. Lloyd, 1884. <sup>2</sup>	Charles W. Blodgett, Cincinnati, 1912. <sup>4 22</sup>
R. B. Brown, 1885. <sup>2</sup>	W. R. Warnock, 1913. <sup>2</sup>
Arthur L. Conger, 1886. <sup>2</sup>	J. Kent Hamilton, 1914. <sup>2</sup>
D. C. Putnam, 1887. <sup>2</sup>	Seeley P. Mount, 1915. <sup>2</sup>
Joseph W. O'Neill, 1888. <sup>2</sup>	W. H. Surles, 1916. <sup>2</sup>
S. H. Hurst, 1889. <sup>2</sup>	W. A. Pittenger, 1917. <sup>2</sup>
P. H. Dowling, 1890. <sup>2</sup>	D. M. Hall, 1918. <sup>2</sup>
A. M. Warner, Cincinnati, 1891.	H. C. Martindale, Cleveland, 1919.
Isaac F. Mack, 1892. <sup>2</sup>	John M. Adams, 1920. <sup>2</sup>
L. H. Williams, 1893. <sup>2</sup>	M. J. Sloan, 1921. <sup>2</sup>
E. E. Nutt, 1894. <sup>2</sup>	Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, Van Wert, 1922. <sup>17</sup>
Charles Townsend, 1895. <sup>2</sup>	Daniel S. Wilder, 1923. <sup>2</sup>
E. L. Lybarger, 1896. <sup>2</sup>	Edmund Burdsall, Batavia, 1924.
Henry Kissinger, 1897. <sup>2</sup>	John Ambler, Youngstown, 1925.
David F. Pugh, 1898. <sup>2</sup>	Levi H. Derby, Norwalk, 1926. <sup>4</sup>
Thomas R. Shinn, 1899. <sup>2</sup>	Jacob Secrest, Cincinnati, 1927. <sup>4</sup>

Joseph O. Gregg, Columbus, 1892, transferred from Montana.  
 Frank M. Sterrett, 1903.<sup>2</sup> transferred from Missouri.

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. B. Thomas, National Military Home, 1871.	J. W. Myers, Hamilton, 1918.
E. T. Dunn, Findlay, 1900.	W. D. Heffner, Lima, 1919. <sup>4</sup>
Oscar E. Hunt, Newark, 1909.	M. O. Messer, Warren, 1924.
A. Baldwin, Lorain, 1911.	George D. Neal, Mount Vernon, 1925.
	H. T. Holmes, Canton, 1927.

## PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. K. P. Ferrell, Uhrichsville, 1910.	J. R. Oldfield, Bryan, 1926. <sup>4</sup>
L. P. Rife, Defiance, 1921.	Charles H. Durfey, Columbus, 1927. <sup>4</sup>
J. T. Romig, New Philadelphia, 1923. <sup>4</sup>	

## OKLAHOMA (44)

[Organized August 7, 1890. Membership December 31, 1927, 282; posts, 32. Department of Indian Territory merged with Oklahoma at joint encampment held at Guthrie, May 19–22, 1908]

Department commander-----	R. L. Johnson-----	Tonkawa.
Senior vice department commander----	Harlan Emerson <sup>4</sup> -----	Enid.
Junior vice department commander---	B. H. Riggs <sup>4</sup> -----	Caro City.
Assistant adjutant general-----	A. C. Sims <sup>4</sup> -----	Oklahoma City.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>4</sup> Present.<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.<sup>17</sup> Past commander in chief.<sup>21</sup> Past junior vice commander in chief.<sup>22</sup> National patriotic instructor.



## OKLAHOMA—Continued

## REPRESENTATIVES

J. Y. Robison, Bristow.<sup>4</sup>  
 W. D. Cole, Oklahoma City.<sup>4</sup>  
 Conrad Wamsley, Enid.  
 Clark Scott, Tonkawa.<sup>4</sup>

## ALTERNATES

W. Freshurn, Bristow.<sup>4</sup>  
 J. F. Winans, Oklahoma City.  
 J. W. Bridge, Enid.  
 Adam Mischlick, Blackwell.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

C. M. Barnes, 1890.<sup>2</sup>  
 G. M. Coulton, 1891.<sup>2</sup>  
 D. F. Wyatt, 1892.<sup>2</sup>  
 T. H. Soward, 1894.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. P. Cummings, 1894 (see California and Nevada).<sup>2</sup>  
 H. G. Trosper, 1895.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. H. Cater, 1896.<sup>2</sup>  
 C. R. Young, 1897.<sup>2</sup>  
 G. D. Munger, 1898.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. J. S. Hassler, 1899.<sup>2</sup>  
 I. W. Rush, 1899.<sup>2</sup>  
 M. L. Mock, 1900.<sup>2</sup>  
 James E. Burns, Fresno, Calif., 1901 (see California and Nevada).  
 Wesley Taylor, 1902.<sup>2</sup>  
 Cyrus P. Green, Enid, 1903.  
 S. P. Strahan, 1904.<sup>2</sup>  
 G. M. Parks, 1905.<sup>2</sup>  
 Peter A. Becker, Anadarko, 1906.  
 W. H. Hornaday, Veterans' Home, Calif., 1907 (see California and Nevada).  
 H. Veatch, 1908.<sup>2</sup>

William Higgins, 1909.<sup>2</sup>  
 B. N. Turk, 1910.<sup>2</sup>  
 Wilberforce Jones, 1911.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. R. Kelley, 1912.<sup>2</sup>  
 L. C. Coffin, Elgin, 1913.<sup>4</sup>  
 George W. Billings, 1914 (died in office).<sup>2</sup>  
 George W. Fletcher, 1914.<sup>2</sup>  
 A. A. Beasler, 1915.<sup>2</sup>  
 Albert Reeves, 1916.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. C. White, 1917.<sup>2</sup>  
 F. E. Hills, Enid, 1918.<sup>4</sup>  
 F. M. Cline, Woodward, 1919.  
 W. S. Tilton, Burbank, Calif., 1920. (see California and Nevada).  
 Jacob Amberg, Oklahoma City, 1921.  
 W. F. Clark, 1922.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. J. Lyons, 1923.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. W. Garner, Perkins, 1924.  
 J. H. Norton (died in office), 1925.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. H. Luman, Bristow, 1925.<sup>4</sup>  
 N. D. McGinley, Guthrie, 1926.  
 W. T. Deupree, Oklahoma City, 1927.<sup>4</sup>

## FROM DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN TERRITORY BY MERGER MAY 19-22, 1908

E. Calkins, 1891.<sup>2</sup>  
 B. F. Harris, 1892.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. H. Spann, McAlester, 1893.  
 Savelon Boyles, 1894.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. L. Thomas, 1895.<sup>2</sup>  
 William H. Harrison, 1896.<sup>2</sup>  
 R. M. J. Shriver, Miami, 1897.  
 David Redfield, Ardmore, 1898.

Gideon S. White, 1899.<sup>3</sup>  
 John S. Hammer, 1900-1902.  
 J. A. Rose, 1903.<sup>3</sup>  
 Robert Ross, 1904.  
 Samuel H. Smith, Muskogee, 1905.  
 J. F. Ayers, 1906.<sup>2</sup>  
 A. G. Krutchmer, 1907.<sup>2</sup>

D. W. Eastman, 1908, transferred from Kansas.<sup>2</sup>  
 John C. Gipson, San Diego, Calif., 1902, transferred from North Dakota (see New York, California, and Nevada).

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

L. Obreiter, Oklahoma City, 1915.<sup>4</sup>  
 S. P. Galloway, Carmen, 1923.  
 H. A. Galloway, Stroud, 1924.

J. A. Oliphant, Tulsa, 1926.  
 D. C. Bothell, El Reno, 1927.<sup>4 5</sup>

## PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

J. V. Gardner, Apache, 1923.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Not now a member of the order.<sup>4</sup> Present.<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.

## OREGON (26)

[Organized September 28, 1882. Membership December 31, 1927, 614; posts, 37]

Department commander-----	William Clemmens <sup>4</sup> -----	Newberg.
Senior vice department commander---	M. L. Moore-----	Roseburg.
Junior vice department commander---	L. C. Washburn <sup>4</sup> -----	McMinnville.
Assistant adjutant general-----	C. S. Baker <sup>4 5</sup> -----	Portland.

## REPRESENTATIVES

Charles True, Sherwood.<sup>4</sup>  
 Henry Sheard, McMinnville.  
 George Ellis, Portland.<sup>4</sup>  
 Fred R. Smith, Salem.  
 Louis Huff, Roseburg.  
 A. E. Noll, Portland.  
 C. B. Zeek, Bandon.

## ALTERNATES

J. M. Paterson, The Dalles.<sup>4</sup>  
 T. M. Kellogg, Portland.<sup>4</sup>  
 Martin Longuth, Portland.<sup>4</sup>

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

N. S. Pierce, 1882.<sup>2</sup>  
 G. E. Caulkin, 1883.<sup>2</sup>  
 F. J. Babcock, 1884.<sup>2</sup>  
 F. H. Lamb, 1885-86.<sup>2</sup>  
 M. L. Olmstead, 1887.<sup>2</sup>  
 A. E. Borthwick, 1888.<sup>2</sup>  
 E. B. McElroy, 1889.<sup>2</sup>  
 James A. Varney, 1890.<sup>2</sup>  
 Owen Summers, 1891.<sup>2</sup>  
 H. H. Northup, 1892.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. C. Cooper, McMinnville, 1893.  
 S. B. Ormsby, 1894.<sup>2</sup>  
 E. W. Allen, 1895.<sup>2</sup>  
 D. C. Sherman, 1896.<sup>2</sup>  
 Frank Reisner, 1897.<sup>2</sup>  
 C. P. Holloway, Portland, 1898.  
 H. V. Gates, Hillsboro, 1899.  
 A. J. Goodbrod, 1900.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. A. Sladen, 1901.<sup>2</sup>  
 M. L. Pratt, 1902.<sup>2</sup>  
 David H. Turner, 1903.<sup>2</sup>  
 B. F. Pike, 1904.<sup>2</sup>  
 T. E. Hills, Portland, 1905.

Hamer Sutcliffe, 1906.<sup>2</sup>  
 S. F. Blythe, 1907.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. T. Apperson, 1908.<sup>2</sup>  
 James P. Shaw, Portland, 1909.  
 W. J. R. Beach, 1910.<sup>2</sup>  
 Newton Clark, 1911.<sup>2</sup>  
 Thomas B. McDevitt, Portland, 1912.  
 S. W. Taylor, Roseburg, 1913.  
 H. S. Fargo, 1914.<sup>2</sup>  
 George A. Harding, 1915.<sup>2</sup>  
 Joseph E. Hall, Portland, 1916.  
 J. G. Chambers, Portland, 1917.<sup>3</sup>  
 Tillman H. Stevens, 1918.<sup>2</sup>  
 Daniel Webster, 1919.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. T. Butler, 1920.<sup>2</sup>  
 C. A. Williams, 1921.<sup>2</sup>  
 D. L. McKay, Portland, 1922.  
 George R. Castner, Hood River, 1923.  
 Henry E. Dosch, 1924 (died in office).<sup>2</sup>  
 J. L. Crow, 1924.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. F. Nelson, Oregon City, 1925.  
 William Clemmens, Newberg, 1926.<sup>4 6</sup>  
 H. S. Lillagar, Portland, 1927.

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Rufus Wagner, Newport, 1922.  
 James Holman, Grants Pass, 1923.  
 George Knieriem, Corbett, 1925.<sup>4</sup>

S. B. Cathcart, Mansfield, 1926.  
 J. J. Newmeyer, Chemawa, 1927.

## PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. H. Hay, Forest Grove, 1923.  
 J. L. Marshall, Newberg, 1924.<sup>4</sup>

L. N. Guy, Portland, 1926.<sup>4</sup>  
 Royal Taylor, Portland, 1927.

## PENNSYLVANIA (3)

[Organized January 16, 1867. Membership December 31, 1927, 3,375; posts, 262]

Department commander-----	George I. Rudolph <sup>4</sup> -----	Pittsburgh.
Senior vice department commander-----	John R. Steel <sup>4</sup> -----	Oil City.
Junior vice department commander-----	Chas. W. Meconnahey---	Philadelphia.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Samuel P. Town <sup>4</sup> -----	Philadelphia.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>4</sup> Present.<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.<sup>6</sup> Department commander.<sup>3</sup> Past senior commander in chief.



PENNSYLVANIA—Continued

REPRESENTATIVES

Henry C. Deetz, Philadelphia.<sup>4</sup>  
 A. T. Anderson, Washington.<sup>4</sup>  
 M. R. Good, Lancaster.<sup>4</sup>  
 Wade J. Day, Washington.<sup>4</sup>  
 Thomas Reynolds, McKeesport.<sup>4</sup>  
 Jacob Barron, Philadelphia.<sup>4</sup>  
 J. H. Chaffee, Towanda.<sup>4</sup>  
 J. P. Sankey, Carnegie.  
 Louis F. Barger, Philadelphia.<sup>4</sup>  
 George W. Boyer, St. Marys.<sup>4</sup>  
 W. T. Simpson, Scranton.<sup>4</sup>  
 George Kane, Pittsburgh.<sup>4</sup>  
 J. M. Lowden, Altoona.  
 W. A. McKay, Cooperstown.<sup>4</sup>  
 W. N. Reynolds, Tunkhannock.  
 John Speer, Pittsburgh.<sup>4</sup>  
 J. C. Doyle, Philadelphia.<sup>4</sup>  
 Geo. W. Gillet, Philadelphia.<sup>4</sup>

H. J. Harrold, Conshohocken.<sup>4</sup>  
 John Nichols, Pittsburgh.<sup>4</sup>  
 W. A. Shafer, Altoona.<sup>4</sup>  
 Nathan Tanner, Summit Hill.<sup>4</sup>  
 H. W. Walter, Philadelphia.<sup>4</sup>  
 S. C. Hollingsworth, Latrobe.  
 H. V. Carls, Altoona.<sup>4</sup>  
 Winslow Fries, Philadelphia.<sup>4</sup>  
 Madison G. Fritz, Greenville.<sup>4</sup>  
 S. M. Evans, Pittsburgh.<sup>4</sup>  
 J. B. Harnden, Altoona.  
 A. C. Niven, Pittsburgh.  
 Joseph Painter, Pittsburgh.  
 R. N. Spohn, Pittsburgh.<sup>4</sup>  
 A. M. Stroh, Port Trevorton.<sup>4</sup>  
 T. E. Morgan, Carnegie.<sup>4</sup>  
 D. M. Lotz, Holidaysburg.<sup>4</sup>

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Louis Wagner, 1866–67.<sup>2</sup>  
 A. L. Pearson, 1868.<sup>2</sup>  
 O. C. Bosbyshell, 1869.<sup>2</sup>  
 Howard J. Reeder, 1870–71.<sup>2</sup>  
 Frank Reeder, 1872.<sup>2</sup>  
 Robert B. Beath, 1873.<sup>2</sup>  
 A. Wilson Norris, 1874.<sup>2</sup>  
 W. W. Tyson, 1875.<sup>2</sup>  
 James W. Latta, 1876.<sup>2</sup>  
 Samuel I. Givin, 1877.<sup>2</sup>  
 Charles T. Hull, 1878.<sup>2</sup>  
 George L. Brown, 1879.<sup>2</sup>  
 Chill W. Hazard, 1880.<sup>2</sup>  
 John Taylor, 1881.<sup>2</sup>  
 John M. Vanderslice, 1882.<sup>2</sup>  
 E. S. Osborne, 1883.<sup>2</sup>  
 Frederick H. Dyer, 1884.<sup>2</sup>  
 F. Austin Curtin, 1885.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. P. S. Gobin, 1886.<sup>2</sup>  
 Samuel Harper, 1887.<sup>2</sup>  
 Frank J. Magee, 1888.<sup>2</sup>  
 Thomas J. Stewart, 1889.<sup>2</sup>  
 Joseph F. Denniston, 1890.<sup>2</sup>  
 George G. Boyer, 1891.<sup>2</sup>  
 John P. Taylor, 1892.<sup>2</sup>  
 Thomas G. Sample, 1893.<sup>2</sup>  
 William Emsley, 1894.<sup>2</sup>  
 H. H. Cumings, 1895.<sup>2</sup>  
 Alfred Darte, 1896.<sup>2</sup>  
 William D. Stauffer, 1897.<sup>2</sup>

William J. Patterson, 1898.<sup>2</sup>  
 James F. Morrison, 1899.<sup>2</sup>  
 Charles Miller, 1900.<sup>2</sup>  
 Levi G. McCauley, 1901.<sup>2</sup>  
 R. P. Scott, 1902.<sup>2</sup>  
 Edwin Walton, 1903.<sup>2</sup>  
 John McNevin, 1904.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. Andrew Wilt, 1905.<sup>2</sup>  
 M. A. Gherst, 1906.<sup>2</sup>  
 William T. Powell, Pittsburgh, 1907.  
 P. De Lacy, 1908.<sup>2</sup>  
 Thad M. Mahon, 1909.<sup>2</sup>  
 L. W. Moore, 1910.<sup>2</sup>  
 N. P. Kingsley, 1911.<sup>2</sup>  
 Thomas H. Cole, 1912.<sup>2</sup>  
 William J. Wells, 1913.<sup>2</sup>  
 John A. Fairman, 1914.<sup>2</sup>  
 C. C. Gramlich, 1915.<sup>2</sup>  
 L. F. Arensberg, E. Millsboro, 1916.<sup>4 17</sup>  
 Noah Dietrich, 1917.<sup>2</sup>  
 J. D. Hicks, 1918.<sup>2</sup>  
 George W. Rhoads, 1919.<sup>2</sup>  
 C. H. William Ruhe, Pittsburgh, 1920.  
 Charles C. Taylor, Philadelphia, 1921.<sup>4</sup>  
 W. F. Hambright, Lancaster, 1922.<sup>4 5</sup>  
 J. J. Shoemaker, 1923.<sup>2</sup>  
 H. H. Spayd, 1924.<sup>2</sup>  
 A. M. Breckinridge, Oil City, 1925.  
 Samuel P. Town, Philadelphia, 1926.<sup>4 14</sup>  
 John B. Patrick, Harrisburg, 1927.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. H. Druckenmiller, Marietta, 1886.  
 John V. Miller, Lewisburg, 1889.  
 Chas. F. Chidsey, Easton, 1893.  
 H. R. Brenneman, Lancaster, 1904.  
 R. J. Baxter, Philadelphia, 1911.  
 H. E. Paine, Scranton, 1913.<sup>4</sup>  
 F. H. Hoy, Harrisburg, 1914.  
 John Woy, Johnstown, 1917.

Wm. H. Heddens, Danville, 1918.  
 James Marshall, Indiana, 1920.  
 W. H. Kramer, Allentown, 1921.  
 D. G. McCullough, Altoona, 1922.  
 E. B. Sweeney, Greensburg, 1923.  
 A. D. Hutchinson, Allentown, 1924.  
 J. H. Pershing, Greensburg, 1926.  
 D. S. Beemer, Scranton, 1927.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>4</sup> Present.

<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.

<sup>14</sup> Assistant adjutant general.

<sup>17</sup> Past commander in chief.



PENNSYLVANIA—Continued

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Joseph E. Clark, East Bethlehem, 1904.	Allen J. Clifton, Easton, 1921.
J. M. Showalter, Oxford, 1907.	M. P. Cashner, Bethlehem, 1926.
John Kirk, New Cumberland, 1910.	Phil Engelskirger, Franklin, 1927. <sup>4</sup>
John S. Leinbach, Williamsport, 1920.	

POTOMAC (14)

[Organized February 13, 1869. Membership December 31, 1927, 225 ; posts, 5]

Department commander-----	William M. Bobb <sup>4</sup> -----	Washington, D. C.
Senior vice department commander.	Harry T. Dunbar-----	Washington, D. C.
Junior vice department commander.	Frederick Shortsleeves_	Washington, D. C.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Henry A. Johnson <sup>4 7</sup> ---	Washington, D. C.

REPRESENTATIVES

Osborne H. Oldroyd, Washington.<sup>4</sup>  
Byron W. Bonney, Washington.<sup>4</sup>  
C. B. Dickey, Washington.<sup>4</sup>

ALTERNATE

Alexander Oglesby, Washington.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Samuel A. Duncan, 1869. <sup>2</sup>	Israel W. Stone, 1901. <sup>2</sup>
Timothy Luby, 1870-1872. <sup>2</sup>	B. F. Bingham, 1902. <sup>2</sup>
Frank H. Sprague, 1873-74. <sup>2</sup>	I. G. Kimball, 1903. <sup>2</sup>
Benjamin F. Hawkes, 1876. <sup>2</sup>	Abram Hart, 1904. <sup>2</sup>
A. H. G. Richardson, 1877. <sup>2</sup>	A. P. Tasker, Portsmouth, N. H., 1905.
George E. Corson, 1878. <sup>2</sup>	B. P. Entrikin, 1906. <sup>2</sup>
Harrison Dingman, 1879. <sup>2</sup>	Newton Ferree, 1907. <sup>2</sup>
Charles C. Royce, 1880. <sup>2</sup>	John S. Walker, 1908. <sup>2</sup>
William Gibson, 1881. <sup>2</sup>	Edwin H. Holbrook, 1909. <sup>2</sup>
Samuel S. Burdett, 1882-83. <sup>2</sup>	Henry A. Johnson, Washington, 1910. <sup>4 7</sup>
D. S. Alexander, 1884. <sup>2</sup>	George C. Ross, 1911. <sup>2</sup>
Newton M. Brooks, 1885. <sup>2</sup>	J. D. Bloodgood, 1912. <sup>2</sup>
Jerome B. Burke, 1886-87. <sup>2</sup>	Thomas H. McKee, 1913. <sup>2</sup>
Charles P. Lincoln, 1888. <sup>2</sup>	J. K. Gleason, 1914. <sup>2</sup>
William S. Odell, 1889. <sup>2</sup>	L. H. Patterson, 1915. <sup>2</sup>
M. Emmett Urell, 1890. <sup>2</sup>	A. H. Huntoon, 1916. <sup>2</sup>
J. M. Pipes, Flora, Ill., 1891.	A. H. Frear, 1917. <sup>2</sup>
A. F. Dinsmore, 1892. <sup>2</sup>	S. G. Mawson, Washington, 1918.
S. E. Faunce, Washington, 1893.	H. B. Snyder, 1919. <sup>2</sup>
Nathan Bickford, 1894. <sup>2</sup>	John McElroy, Washington, 1920-21. <sup>8</sup>
Marion T. Anderson, 1895. <sup>2</sup>	H. L. Deam, 1922. <sup>2</sup>
John McElroy, Washington, 1896. <sup>8</sup>	John W. Reid, 1923. <sup>2</sup>
Thomas S. Hopkins, 1897. <sup>2</sup>	Briscoe Goodhart, 1924. <sup>2</sup>
Arthur Hendricks, 1898. <sup>2</sup>	Hosea B. Moulton, Washington, 1925. <sup>4</sup>
Calvin Farnsworth, 1899. <sup>2</sup>	C. V. Petteys, Washington, 1926.
George H. Slaybaugh, Washington, 1900. <sup>8</sup>	John L. Clem, Washington, 1927. <sup>8</sup>
E. S. Godfrey, Cookstown, N. J., transferred from Arizona.	
John L. Clem, Washington, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina. <sup>8</sup>	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Hazard Wheeler, Washington, 1921.	Theodore F. Brown, Washington, 1927.
George H. Kunsman, Washington, 1926. <sup>4</sup>	

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.  
<sup>4</sup> Present.

<sup>7</sup> Surgeon general.  
<sup>8</sup> Past senior vice commander in chief.

## RHODE ISLAND (11)

[Organized March 24, 1868. Membership December 31, 1927, 206; posts, 19]

Department commander-----	William Dunham-----	Edgewood.
Senior vice department commander-----	Charles H. Lewis-----	Pawtucket.
Junior vice department commander-----	Horatio H. Valentine----	Woonsocket.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Fred A. Burt <sup>4</sup> -----	Providence.

## REPRESENTATIVES

Charles F. Read, Pawtucket.  
 Charles H. Bullock, Providence.  
 Henry Pickering, Woonsocket.

## ALTERNATES

Albert Stone, Providence.  
 William O. Tucker, Bristol.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Ambrose E. Burnside, 1868. <sup>2</sup>	Charles P. Moise, 1901. <sup>2</sup>
Horatio Rogers, 1869. <sup>2</sup>	George H. Chenery, 1902. <sup>2</sup>
Charles R. Brayton, 1870-71. <sup>2</sup>	James S. Hudson, 1903. <sup>2</sup>
Elisha M. Rhodes, 1872-73. <sup>2</sup>	Joseph Wooley, 1904. <sup>2</sup>
Edwin Metcalf, 1874. <sup>2</sup>	Ezra K. Parker, 1905. <sup>2</sup>
Edwin C. Pomroy, 1875. <sup>2</sup>	George L. Greene, 1906. <sup>2</sup>
Charles H. Williams, 1876. <sup>2</sup>	Edward Wilcox, 1907. <sup>2</sup>
Henry J. Spooner, 1877. <sup>2</sup>	William O. Milne, 1908. <sup>2</sup>
Fred A. Arnold, 1878. <sup>2</sup>	Francello G. Jillson, 1909. <sup>2</sup>
Henry R. Barker, 1879. <sup>2</sup>	Charles H. Ewer, 1910. <sup>2</sup>
Charles C. Gray, 1880. <sup>2</sup>	Ezra Dixon, Bristol, 1911.
William H. P. Steers, 1881. <sup>2</sup>	Thomas M. Holden, 1912. <sup>2</sup>
Henry F. Jenks, 1882. <sup>2</sup>	George H. Cheek, 1913. <sup>2</sup>
Philip S. Chase, 1883. <sup>2</sup>	Gilbert Wilson, 1914. <sup>2</sup>
Andrew J. McMahon, 1884. <sup>2</sup>	Henry J. Pickersgill, 1915. <sup>2</sup>
Eugene A. Cory, 1885. <sup>2</sup>	Joseph Gough, 1916. <sup>2</sup>
Theodore A. Barton, 1886. <sup>2</sup>	Augustine A. Mann, 1917. <sup>2</sup>
Benjamin L. Hall, Providence, 1887.	Murdock C. McKenzie, 1918. <sup>2</sup>
Gideon Spencer, 1888. <sup>2</sup>	Fred A. Burt, Providence, 1919. <sup>4 14</sup>
Alonzo Williams, 1889. <sup>2</sup>	William Massie, 1920. <sup>2</sup>
Benjamin F. Davis, 1890. <sup>2</sup>	Fred S. Oatley, Norwood, 1921.
Benjamin H. Child, 1891. <sup>2</sup>	Samuel A. Wheldon, E. Providence,
David S. Ray, 1892. <sup>2</sup>	1922. <sup>4 5</sup>
George T. Cranston, 1893. <sup>2</sup>	Zophar Skinner, 1923. <sup>2</sup>
Charles H. Baker, 1894. <sup>2</sup>	George R. Saunders, Providence, 1924.
Daniel R. Ballou, 1895. <sup>2</sup>	William F. Comrie, E. Providence,
William E. Stone, 1896. <sup>2</sup>	1925.
Livingston Scott, 1897. <sup>2</sup>	Robert M. Pollard, Pawtucket, 1926.
Samuel W. K. Allen, 1898. <sup>2</sup>	Christopher M. Carpenter, 1927-28. <sup>2</sup>
Charles O. Ballou, 1899. <sup>2</sup>	(Died in office.)
Walter A. Reed, 1900. <sup>2</sup>	

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Charles O. Smith, Woonsocket, 1927.

## SOUTH DAKOTA (29)

[Organized March 20, 1873. Membership December 31, 1927, 165; posts, 25]

Department commander-----	H. C. Smith-----	Kimball.
Senior vice department commander-----	W. N. Downs <sup>4</sup> -----	Madison.
Junior vice department commander-----	J. O. Foote-----	Sioux Falls.
Assistant adjutant general-----	W. H. Cornell. <sup>4 5</sup> -----	Brookings.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>4</sup> Present.<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.<sup>14</sup> Assistant adjutant general.



SOUTH DAKOTA—Continued

REPRESENTATIVES	ALTERNATES
William A. Thompson, Huron. <sup>4</sup> Le Roy Kinney, Yankton. <sup>4</sup> George W. Pierce, Onida.	J. K. Perkins, Lake Preston. Pat McDonald, Parker. <sup>4</sup>
PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS	
Thomas S. Free, 1883-84. <sup>2</sup> W. V. Lucas, 1885-86 (see California and Nevada). <sup>2</sup> Harrison Allen, 1887. <sup>2</sup> S. F. Hammond, 1888 (see Minnesota). <sup>2</sup> George A. Silsby, 1889. <sup>2</sup> E. T. Langley, 1890 (see California and Nevada). <sup>2</sup> C. S. Palmer, 1891 (see Vermont). <sup>2</sup> J. B. Hoit, 1892 (see Minnesota). <sup>2</sup> N. C. Nash, 1893. <sup>2</sup> George W. Carpenter, 1894. <sup>2</sup> S. R. Drake, 1895. <sup>2</sup> John Ackley, 1896 (died in office). <sup>2</sup> J. F. Baker, Hermosa, 1896. C. B. Clark, 1897. <sup>2</sup> E. P. Farr, 1898. <sup>2</sup> W. L. Palmer, 1899 (see New York). <sup>2</sup> Philip Lawrence, Pomona, Calif. 1900 (see California and Nevada). George W. Snow, 1901. <sup>2</sup> Thomas E. Blanchard, 1902. <sup>2</sup> Thomas Reed, 1903. <sup>2</sup> H. P. Packard, 1904. <sup>2</sup>	J. B. Wolgemuth, 1905 (see Montana). <sup>2</sup> N. I. Lowthian, 1906. <sup>2</sup> T. C. DeJean, 1907. <sup>2</sup> Warren G. Osborn, Yankton, 1908. Alex S. Stewart, 1909. <sup>2</sup> N. H. Kingman, 1910. <sup>2</sup> Thomas H. Brown, 1911. <sup>2</sup> O. S. Gifford, 1912 (died in office). <sup>2</sup> H. L. Ferry, 1912. <sup>2</sup> John L. Jolley, 1913. <sup>2</sup> C. A. B. Fox, 1914. <sup>2</sup> C. S. Blodgett, 1915. <sup>2</sup> Walter H. Carr, 1916. <sup>2</sup> J. C. Luce, 1917. <sup>2</sup> James S. Sebree, Pierre, 1918. A. L. Van Osdel, Yankton, 1922. <sup>24</sup> E. L. Hurlburt, Rapid City, 1920. John E. Davis, Lennox, 1921. A. L. Van Osdel, Yankton, 1922. <sup>24</sup> H. P. Carson, Huron, 1923. H. P. Smith, 1924. <sup>2</sup> W. H. Cornell. Brookings, S. Dak., 1925. <sup>4 5</sup> R. T. Sedam, St. Lawrence, 1926. George W. Dewey, Beresford, 1927.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. C. Smith, Kimball, 1925-26.	W. A. Drake, Madison. 1927. <sup>4</sup>
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PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Whitehouse, Frederick, 1924.	Levi Van Voorhees, Redfield, 1927.
G. W. Rudd, Miller, 1926.	

TENNESSEE (34)

[Organized February 26, 1884. Membership December 31, 1927, 108; posts, 11]

Department commander_____	J. G. Hoback_____	Athens.
Senior vice department commander_____	Charles G. Mathews_____	Nashville.
Junior vice department commander_____	Sam T. Briggs_____	Kingston.
Assistant adjutant general_____	B. F. Bashor_____	Knoxville.

REPRESENTATIVES

N. W. Wilbur, Chattanooga.	Mark Rush, Chattanooga.
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<sup>2</sup> Deceased.  
<sup>4</sup> Present.

<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.  
<sup>24</sup> Past department commander.



## TENNESSEE—Continued

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Edward S. Jones, 1884-85. <sup>2</sup>	S. W. Tindell, Johnson City, 1908.
E. E. Winters, 1886. <sup>2</sup>	D. Minor Steward, 1909. <sup>2</sup>
William J. Ramage, 1887. <sup>2</sup>	Ignaz Fanz, 1910. <sup>2</sup>
Wm. Rule, 1888. <sup>2</sup>	C. H. Flournoy, 1911. <sup>2</sup>
A. H. Pettibone, 1889. <sup>2</sup>	A. M. Gamble, 1912. <sup>2</sup>
Chas. F. Muller, 1890. <sup>3</sup>	W. D. Atchley, 1913. <sup>2</sup>
A. J. Gahagan, Chattanooga, 1891.	D. D. Nicholas, 1914. <sup>2</sup>
H. C. Whittaker, 1892. <sup>2</sup>	F. M. Underwood, Rockwood, 1915. <sup>5</sup>
Frank Seaman, 1893. <sup>2</sup>	J. R. Kennedy, Louisville, 1916.
W. F. Milburn, 1894. <sup>2</sup>	O. C. Kinley, 1917. <sup>2</sup>
W. J. Smith, 1895. <sup>2</sup>	W. F. Roberts, 1918. <sup>2</sup>
H. B. Case, 1896-97. <sup>2</sup>	F. M. Fessenden, 1919. <sup>2</sup>
W. H. Nelson, 1898. <sup>2</sup>	O. L. Thompson, 1920. <sup>2</sup>
A. H. Crumbliss, 1899. <sup>2</sup>	W. W. Lowry, Riceville, 1921.
S. T. Harris, 1900. <sup>2</sup>	P. W. Evans, Kingston, 1922.
M. M. Harris, 1901. <sup>2</sup>	John H. Simpson, Knoxville, 1923.
G. W. Patton, 1902-3. <sup>2</sup>	John Farmer, 1924. <sup>2</sup>
Ben A. Hamilton, 1904. <sup>2</sup>	M. F. Miller, Chattanooga, 1925.
W. W. French, 1905. <sup>2</sup>	John Gray, Greeneville, 1926.
John T. Wilder, 1906. <sup>2</sup>	P. M. Keeble, Knoxville, 1927.
Will A. McTeer, 1907. <sup>2</sup>	

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. K. Lonas, Knoxville, 1914.	Abner Reed, Chattanooga, 1927.
Lawrence Winters, Knoxville, 1925.	

## PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

G. G. Gilbert, Athens, 1924.	B. J. Meadows, Knoxville, 1927.
David McCollister, Ooltewah, 1926.	

## TEXAS (38)

[Organized March 25, 1885. Membership December 31, 1927, 73; posts, 8]

Department commander-----	F. J. Yingling <sup>4</sup> -----	Dallas.
Senior vice department commander-----	A. W. Robins <sup>4</sup> -----	San Antonio.
Junior vice department commander-----	Z. T. Sisson <sup>4</sup> -----	Houston.
Assistant adjutant general-----	J. S. Dunlap-----	Dallas.

## REPRESENTATIVES

O. Aldrich, Houston. <sup>4</sup>	T. W. Woodcock, Dallas. <sup>4</sup>
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## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. D. Wylie, 1885. <sup>2</sup>	G. W. McCormick, 1896. <sup>2</sup>
O. T. Lyon, 1886. <sup>2</sup>	Ed. N. Ketchum, Galveston, 1897. <sup>4</sup>
W. H. Sinclair, 1887. <sup>2</sup>	W. F. Conner, 1898. <sup>2</sup>
J. C. De Gress, 1888. <sup>2</sup>	John Roach, 1899. <sup>2</sup>
A. G. Malloy, 1889. <sup>2</sup>	Charles B. Peck, 1900. <sup>2</sup>
A. K. Taylor, 1890. <sup>2</sup>	P. B. Hunt, 1901. <sup>2</sup>
M. W. Mann, 1891. <sup>2</sup>	C. C. Haskell, 1902. <sup>2</sup>
O. G. Peterson, 1892. <sup>2</sup>	John H. Bolton, 1903. <sup>2</sup>
J. W. Park, 1893. <sup>2</sup>	John L. Boyd, 1904. <sup>2</sup>
R. M. Moore, 1894. <sup>2</sup>	E. A. Russell, 1905. <sup>2</sup>
W. W. Bostwick, 1895. <sup>2</sup>	H. W. Harvey, 1906. <sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>3</sup> Not now a member of the order.<sup>4</sup> Present.<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.

## TEXAS—Continued

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

L. L. Whitaker, 1907. <sup>2</sup>	Anson Miller, 1918. <sup>2</sup>
T. M. Wright, 1908. <sup>2</sup>	Edward Loomis. San Antonio, 1919. <sup>4 5</sup>
Calvin R. Hubbard, 1909. <sup>2</sup>	Max Hart, Houston, 1920.
J. S. Dunlap, Dallas, 1910. <sup>14</sup>	G. E. Allgaier, 1921. <sup>2</sup>
W. S. Kretsinger, 1911. <sup>2</sup>	R. P. Cooper, Dallas, 1922.
E. P. Brown, 1912. <sup>2</sup>	W. H. Blake, Dallas, 1923.
Sidney Tuttle, 1913. <sup>2</sup>	John Buchanan, San Antonio, 1924.
Robert McCormick, Dallas, 1914.	John Shearer, Houston, 1925. <sup>4</sup>
C. S. Brodbent, San Antonio, 1915. <sup>5</sup>	D. L. Wagner, 1926. <sup>2</sup>
C. A. Cahoon, 1916. <sup>2</sup>	L. D. Daggett, San Antonio, 1927.
M. B. Young, 1917. <sup>2</sup>	

## UTAH (33)

[Organized October 8, 1883. Membership December 31, 1927, 52; posts, 4]

Department commander-----	William R. Smethers <sup>4</sup> ..	Ogden.
Senior vice department commander---	Ira Stormes-----	Salt Lake City.
Junior vice department commander---	W. H. Otterback <sup>4</sup> -----	Provo.
Assistant adjutant general-----	C. W. A. Schnell <sup>4</sup> -----	Salt Lake City.

## REPRESENTATIVE

R. L. Rohm, Milton.<sup>4</sup>

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George C. Douglas, 1883. <sup>2</sup>	Henry P. Burns, 1904. <sup>2</sup>
Ransford Smith, 1884. <sup>2</sup>	E. T. Hulaniski, 1905. <sup>2</sup>
H. C. Wardleigh, 1885. <sup>2</sup>	B. M. Sperry, 1906. <sup>2</sup>
Elijah Sells, 1886. <sup>2</sup>	Alford Kent, 1907. <sup>2</sup>
Eli H. Murray, 1887. <sup>2</sup>	R. G. Sleater, 1908. <sup>2</sup>
Nathan H. Kimball, 1888. <sup>2</sup>	Lucian H. Smith, 1909. <sup>2</sup>
Henry T. Snyder, 1889. <sup>2</sup>	T. C. Lundy, 1910. <sup>2</sup>
Henry Page, 1890. <sup>2</sup>	A. B. Lawrence, 1911. <sup>2</sup>
Frank Hoffman, 1891. <sup>2</sup>	J. W. Brown, 1912. <sup>2</sup>
James R. Elliott, 1892. <sup>2</sup>	Frank H. Hall, 1912 (died in office). <sup>2</sup>
J. W. Greenman, 1893. <sup>2</sup>	Reuben Oehler, 1913. <sup>2</sup>
T. C. Iliff, 1894. <sup>2</sup>	N. A. Heath, 1914. <sup>2</sup>
C. O. Farnsworth, 1895. <sup>2</sup>	H. G. Rollins, 1915. <sup>2</sup>
M. M. Kellogg, 1896. <sup>2</sup>	N. D. Corser, Salt Lake City, 1916-17.
T. C. Bailey, 1897. <sup>2</sup>	J. C. A. Warfield, Sawtelle, Calif., 1918.
N. H. Ives, 1898. <sup>2</sup>	C. W. A. Schnell, Salt Lake City,
M. M. Kaighn, 1899. <sup>2</sup>	1919. <sup>4 14</sup>
M. A. Breeden, 1900 (see California	Ezra D. Haskins, American Fork,
and Nevada). <sup>2</sup>	1920-21.
Rudolph Alf, 1901. <sup>2</sup>	A. Van Patten, Salt Lake City, 1922.
W. M. Bostaph, San Leandro, Calif.,	W. L. Goodsell, Salt Lake City, 1923-
1902 (see California and Nevada.) <sup>8</sup>	1925. <sup>5</sup>
F. H. Clark, 1903. <sup>2</sup>	L. L. Hudson, Salt Lake City, 1926-27.

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. M. Van Dervoort, Anaheim, Calif.,	Elias Price, Salt Lake City, 1926.
1921. <sup>4</sup>	

## PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Joseph F. Smith, Springville, 1913.	E. N. Williams, Ogden, 1926.
George Dietz, Ogden, 1924.	J. M. Westen, Ogden, 1927.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>4</sup> Present.

<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.

<sup>8</sup> Past senior vice commander in chief.

<sup>14</sup> Assistant adjutant general.



## VERMONT (13)

[Organized December 23, 1868. Membership December 31, 1927, 406 ; posts, 49]

Department commander-----	Wm. H. Pierce <sup>4</sup> -----	Bellows Falls.
Senior vice department commander----	John H. Amadon <sup>4</sup> -----	Waterville.
Junior vice department commander----	Peter Lander-----	Burlington.
Assistant adjutant general-----	H. P. Hunter-----	Brattleboro.

## REPRESENTATIVES

Fred McIntire, Leicester Junction. <sup>4</sup>	Henry Cull, Belvidere. <sup>4</sup>
John A. Thwing, Bellows Falls. <sup>4</sup>	F. M. Ashline, Quechee. <sup>4</sup>
Leroy Langdon, Cambridge. <sup>4</sup>	

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George P. Foster, 1869. <sup>2</sup>	R. E. Hathorn, Ludlow, 1902.
W. W. Henry, 1870-71. <sup>2</sup>	Frank Kenfield, 1903. <sup>2</sup>
W. G. Veasey, 1872-73. <sup>2</sup>	J. E. Eldredge, 1904. <sup>2</sup>
Stephen Thomas, 1874-75. <sup>2</sup>	S. H. Wood, 1905 (see Florida). <sup>2</sup>
T. S. Peck, 1876-77. <sup>2</sup>	J. A. Sheldon, 1906. <sup>2</sup>
J. H. Goulding, 1878-79. <sup>2</sup>	A. C. Brown, 1907. <sup>2</sup>
G. W. Hooker, 1880-81. <sup>2</sup>	C. E. Beach, St. Petersburg, Fla., 1908
A. B. Valentine, 1882-83. <sup>2</sup>	(see Florida).
C. C. Kinsman, 1884. <sup>2</sup>	A. B. Franklin, 1909. <sup>2</sup>
W. L. Greenleaf, 1885. <sup>2</sup>	E. J. Foster, Waterbury Center, 1910. <sup>4 5</sup>
G. T. Childs, 1886. <sup>2</sup>	C. M. Ferrin, Essex Junction, 1911.
P. D. Blodgett, 1887. <sup>2</sup>	A. A. Niles, 1912. <sup>2</sup>
H. E. Taylor, 1888. <sup>2</sup>	Thomas Hannon, Bennington, 1913.
A. S. Tracy, 1889. <sup>2</sup>	Edward Baker, Montpelier, 1914.
Z. M. Mansur, 1890. <sup>2</sup>	George P. Martin, 1915. <sup>2</sup>
D. L. Morgan, Rutland, 1891. <sup>4</sup>	H. C. Streeter, 1916. <sup>2</sup>
H. Henry, 1892. <sup>2</sup>	C. T. S. Pierce, 1917-18. <sup>2</sup>
G. W. Doty, 1893. <sup>2</sup>	A. T. Woodward, 1919. <sup>2</sup>
C. F. Branch, 1894. <sup>2</sup>	L. W. Bush, 1920. <sup>2</sup>
B. Cannon, jr., 1895. <sup>2</sup>	John R. Wilson, Worcester, 1921.
N. M. Puffer, 1896. <sup>2</sup>	Charles H. Cota, Burlington, 1922.
E. W. Jewett, 1897. <sup>2</sup>	C. H. Granger, Rutland, 1923.
L. B. Harris, 1898. <sup>2</sup>	C. H. Stone, Fair Haven, 1924.
F. G. Butterfield, 1899. <sup>2</sup>	W. W. Martin, Middlebury, 1925.
U. A. Woodbury, 1900. <sup>2</sup>	A. C. Stoughton, Burlington, 1926.
J. H. Lucia, 1901. <sup>2</sup>	L. P. Butts, North Hyde Park, 1927. <sup>4</sup>
C. S. Palmer, 1899 (transferred from South Dakota). <sup>2</sup>	

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

F. B. Warner, Essex Junction, 1921.	Charles Young, Rutland, 1926.
R. H. Linsley, Middlebury, 1924.	

## PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

A. E. Lamson, Burlington, 1926.	E. L. Maranville, Poultney, 1927.
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## VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA (15)

[Organized December 23, 1871. Membership December 31, 1927, 133 ; posts, 14]

Department commander-----	Charles Grandy <sup>4</sup> -----	Norfolk, Va.
Senior vice department commander----	M. W. Wynn <sup>4</sup> -----	New Bern, N. C.
Junior vice department commander----	Cornell Gardner <sup>4</sup> -----	Norfolk, Va.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Moses N. Hirshberg <sup>4</sup> -----	National Soldiers
		Home, Va.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>4</sup> Present.<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.



VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA—Continued

REPRESENTATIVES

Leonard S. Harrison, National Soldiers' Home, Va.	Henry W. House, Portsmouth, Va. <sup>4</sup>
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PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William W. Eaton, 1874. <sup>2</sup>	H. W. Weiss, 1896. <sup>2</sup>
William H. Appenzeller, 1875-76. <sup>2</sup>	James W. Stebbins, 1897. <sup>2</sup>
William Ryder, 1877. <sup>2</sup>	James M. Davis, 1898 (see Pennsylvania).
R. G. Staples, 1878. <sup>2</sup>	John W. Rutter, 1899. <sup>2</sup>
Richard Bond, 1879. <sup>2</sup>	A. B. Heistand, 1900. <sup>2</sup>
A. B. Hurlburt, 1880. <sup>2</sup>	Peter Morton, 1901. <sup>2</sup>
W. Hervey King, 1881. <sup>2</sup>	C. D. Grew, 1902. <sup>2</sup>
P. T. Woodfin, 1882-83. <sup>2</sup>	H. M. Haas, 1903. <sup>2</sup>
B. C. Cook, 1884. <sup>2</sup>	J. C. Fowler, 1904. <sup>2</sup>
H. De B. Clay, 1885-86. <sup>2</sup>	Isaac Powell, 1905. <sup>2</sup>
John W. Woodman, 1887-88. <sup>2</sup>	D. R. Wilson, 1906 (New York City (see New York)).
R. P. Wheeler, 1889. <sup>2</sup>	A. A. Hager, 1907. <sup>2</sup>
N. J. Smith, 1890. <sup>2</sup>	Thomas Fogarty, 1908. <sup>2</sup>
H. D. Nichols, 1891. <sup>2</sup>	Frank M. Work, 1909. <sup>2</sup>
Edgar Allen, 1892. <sup>2</sup>	Charles H. Haber, 1910-1927 <sup>2</sup> (died in office).
W. Whitcomb, 1893. <sup>2</sup>	
J. G. Fulton, 1894. <sup>2</sup>	
James E. Porter, 1895 (see Pennsylvania). <sup>2</sup>	

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA (30)

[Organized June 20, 1883. Membership December 31, 1927, 747; posts, 50]

Department commander-----	Henry P. Burdick <sup>4</sup> -----	Tacoma.
Senior vice department commander---	W. W. Work <sup>4</sup> -----	Olympia.
Junior vice department commander---	George Avery <sup>4</sup> -----	Spokane.
Assistant adjutant general-----	C. A. Cavender-----	Tacoma.

REPRESENTATIVES

L. T. Loveless, Seattle.<sup>4</sup>  
A. P. Rounds, Spokane.<sup>4</sup>  
L. G. Rogers, Yakima.<sup>4</sup>  
C. H. Pool, Seattle.  
George Wick, Dayton.<sup>4</sup>  
J. W. Tomkins, Olympia.  
John Sheldon, Retsil.  
Charles Goddard, Retsil.

ALTERNATES

F. F. Thompson, Tacoma.<sup>4</sup>  
Hosias W. Lewis, Seattle.  
Frank Harrington, Bellingham.  
Ralph Jabush, Seattle.  
James McDonald, Seattle.  
R. W. Black, Spokane.  
D. A. Roland, Yakima.  
Henry Sheahan, Seattle.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

F. W. Sparling, provisional, 1878-1882. <sup>2</sup>	J. N. Scott, 1894. <sup>2</sup>
George D. Hill, 1883. <sup>2</sup>	Norman Buck, 1895. <sup>2</sup>
H. A. Morrow, 1884. <sup>2</sup>	C. T. Patterson, 1896. <sup>2</sup>
A. M. Brooks, 1885. <sup>2</sup>	J. F. McLean, 1897. <sup>2</sup>
C. M. Holton, 1886. <sup>2</sup>	George W. Tibbetts, 1898. <sup>2</sup>
A. P. Curry, 1887. <sup>2</sup>	J. W. Langley, 1899. <sup>2</sup>
J. W. Sprague, 1888. <sup>2</sup>	B. R. Freeman, 1900. <sup>2</sup>
S. C. Cosgrove, 1889. <sup>2</sup>	H. A. Bigelow, 1901. <sup>2</sup>
M. M. Holmes, 1890. <sup>2</sup>	B. C. Bedell, 1902. <sup>2</sup>
D. G. Lovell, 1891. <sup>2</sup>	T. H. Cavanaugh, 1903. <sup>2</sup>
J. Sox Brown, Seattle, 1892.	F. M. Davis, 1904 (see California and Nevada). <sup>2</sup>
J. F. Sinclair, 1893. <sup>2</sup>	

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>4</sup> Present.

## WASHINGTON AND ALASKA—Continued

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

J. T. Goss, 1905. <sup>2</sup>	S. F. Street, 1918. <sup>2</sup>
C. B. Dunning, 1906.	A. A. Stevens, Wenatchee, 1919.
W. H. Mock, 1907.	O. D. McDonald, Sawtelle, Calif., 1920 (see California and Nevada).
George H. Boardman, 1908.	J. H. Coffman, 1921. <sup>2</sup>
Lyman Banks, 1909.	Enoch Sears, Spokane, 1922.
W. H. Wiscombe, 1910 (see California and Nevada). <sup>2</sup>	W. P. Cragin, 1923 (died in office). <sup>2</sup>
F. H. Hurd, Seattle, 1911.	John A. Harris, Spokane, 1923.
R. R. Harding, 1912. <sup>2</sup>	A. P. Lawrence, Seattle, 1924.
J. E. Stewart, 1913. <sup>2</sup>	William J. Baker, Everett, 1925.
H. R. Gale, Bremerton, 1914.	J. H. Shaw, Spokane, 1926.
H. W. North, Everett, 1915.	Byron Phelps, Seattle, 1927.
J. E. Gandy, Spokane, 1916. <sup>5</sup>	
John J. See, Pasadena, 1917 (see Cali- fornia and Nevada).	
John E. Phelps, 1889 (transferred from Missouri). <sup>2</sup>	
E. A. Shores, 1912 (transferred from Wisconsin). <sup>2</sup>	

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

F. F. Adams, Walla Walla, 1883-84.	K. T. Allen, Pullman, 1907.
J. H. Smith, Walla Walla, 1885.	B. F. Philbrick, Hoquiam, 1910.
C. H. Stone, Tacoma, 1886.	J. W. Ferguson, Wenatchee, 1911.
W. J. Alexander, Sidney, 1895.	W. L. Boyd, Spokane, 1912.
F. M. Ellsworth, Colfax, 1896.	T. D. Quinn, 1919. <sup>2</sup>
D. C. Ely, Chewallah, 1898.	Willis Richardson, Bellingham, 1924. <sup>4</sup>
Thad Smith, Port Townsend, 1900.	W. D. Chandler, Seattle, 1925.
J. T. Sherfey, Everett, 1902.	T. F. Coley, Seattle, 1926.
J. A. Green, Chelan, 1904.	

## PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

E. H. Smith, Centralia, 1892.	J. R. Conger, Tacoma, 1908.
W. F. Wallace, South Bend, 1893.	T. H. Ferrier, Ellensburg, 1911.
W. H. Mossman, Chehalis, 1896.	John Huntington, Port Angeles, 1919.
D. T. Welch, Assotin, 1898.	J. T. Murphey, Toledo, 1920.
R. B. Scott, Spokane, 1899.	Enoch Sears, Spokane, 1921.
James Dutton, Sprague, 1901.	A. P. Lawrence, Seattle, 1922.
M. R. Brewster, Bremerton, 1902-3.	W. J. Baker, Everett, 1923.
F. B. Morse, Walla Walla, 1904.	E. E. Emmerson, Seattle, 1926.
H. C. Thompson, Pomeroy, 1906.	

## WEST VIRGINIA (28)

[Organized April 9, 1868 ; reorganized February 29, 1883. Membership December 31, 1927,  
204 ; posts, 16]

Department commander-----	W. W. Riley-----	Point Pleasant.
Senior vice department commander-----	J. T. McCombs <sup>5</sup> -----	Moundsville.
Junior vice department commander-----	Thomas Carder <sup>4</sup> -----	Parkersburg.
Assistant adjutant general-----	P. Dunsmoor-----	Parkersburg.

## REPRESENTATIVES

R. W. Jones, Charleston.<sup>4</sup>  
J. L. Barnhart, Parkersburg.  
J. G. Bowman, Huntington.

## ALTERNATE

A. T. Carr, Buckhannon.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.

<sup>4</sup> Present.

<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.



## WEST VIRGINIA—Continued

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. H. Flick, 1883. <sup>2</sup>	Thomas M. Mills, 1906. <sup>2</sup>
C. B. Smith, 1884. <sup>2</sup>	I. M. Adams, 1907. <sup>2</sup>
John Carlin, 1885. <sup>2</sup>	Thomas H. Marks, 1908. <sup>2</sup>
G. W. Taggart, 1886. <sup>2</sup>	D. Mayer, 1909. <sup>2</sup>
Lee Haymond, 1887. <sup>2</sup>	J. L. Caldwell, 1910. <sup>2</sup>
R. E. Fleming, 1888. <sup>2</sup>	Thomas V. Salisbury, 1911. <sup>2</sup>
S. S. Hazen, 1889. <sup>2</sup>	E. A. Billingslea, 1912. <sup>2</sup>
George Walker, 1890. <sup>2</sup>	John M. Millan, 1913. <sup>2</sup>
I. H. Duval, 1891. <sup>2</sup>	T. G. Hammond, 1914. <sup>2</sup>
Charles E. Anderson, 1892. <sup>2</sup>	C. T. Reed, 1915. <sup>2</sup>
Anthony Smith, Harrisville, 1893.	James T. Piggott, 1916. <sup>2</sup>
F. H. Crago, 1894. <sup>2</sup>	S. R. Hanen, Glen Easton, 1918.
R. E. Lee, 1895. <sup>2</sup>	W. T. Cox, 1919. <sup>2</sup>
R. H. Freer, 1896. <sup>2</sup>	L. B. Moore, 1919. <sup>2</sup>
Thomas A. Maulsby, 1897. <sup>2</sup>	W. S. Grafton, 1920. <sup>2</sup>
Richard Robertson, Wheeling, 1898.	H. S. White, Matewan, 1921. <sup>4</sup>
Charles R. LeValley, 1899. <sup>2</sup>	W. S. Clark, 1922. <sup>2</sup>
Arnold Brandley, Elkins, 1900.	T. S. Bonar, Moundsville, 1923.
M. B. Bartlett, 1901. <sup>2</sup>	W. W. Rogers, 1924. <sup>2</sup>
C. C. Mathews, Moundsville, 1902.	Smith Risinger, 1925. <sup>2</sup>
Alex C. Moore, 1903. <sup>2</sup>	William Keely, 1926. <sup>2</sup>
O. H. Michaelson, 1904. <sup>2</sup>	P. Dunsmoor, Parkersburg, 1927. <sup>14</sup>
J. W. Shroyer, 1905. <sup>2</sup>	

## WISCONSIN (2)

[Organized June 7, 1866. Membership December 31, 1927, 1,018; posts, 127]

Department commander-----	G. H. Pounder <sup>4</sup> ----	Port Atkinson.
Senior vice department commander-----	Edward D. Town-----	Waupun.
Junior vice department commander-----	Henry Held-----	National Military Home.
Assistant adjutant general-----	E. B. Heimstreet-----	Lake Mills.

## REPRESENTATIVES

Edward MacGlachlin, Stevens Point.  
 Peter Graves, Beloit.  
 C. W. Netherwood.  
 M. N. Van Horn, Milwaukee.  
 John C. Ellison, Milwaukee.  
 R. A. Spink, Oshkosh.  
 W. L. Riley.  
 Robert H. Johnson, Wausau.  
 W. P. Bryant, Sheboygan Falls.  
 George F. Hallas, Eau Claire.  
 C. L. Hooker, Superior.

## ALTERNATES

Chas. Moulton, Madison.  
 Joe T. Sherman, Wautoma.  
 W. H. Wheeler, Beloit.  
 K. L. Thompson.  
 Alfred T. Hubbard, Milwaukee.  
 M. Hackendahl, Milwaukee.  
 Frank D. Burdock, Berlin.  
 John Biggley.  
 August Romonaski, Chippewa Falls.  
 C. B. Clark, Superior.

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James K. Proudfit, 1866. <sup>2</sup>	Griff J. Thomas, 1879-81 (see Nebraska). <sup>2</sup>
H. A. Starr, 1867. <sup>2</sup>	H. M. Enos, 1882. <sup>2</sup>
J. M. Rusk, 1868. <sup>2</sup>	Philip Cheek, 1883-84. <sup>2</sup>
T. S. Allen, 1869-70. <sup>2</sup>	James Davidson, 1885. <sup>2</sup>
Edward Ferguson, 1871-72. <sup>2</sup>	Lucius Fairchild, 1886. <sup>2</sup>
A. J. McCoy, 1873. <sup>2</sup>	H. P. Fisher, 1886. <sup>2</sup>
G. A. Hannaford, Milwaukee, 1874-75.	Michael Griffin, 1887. <sup>2</sup>
John Hancock, 1876. <sup>2</sup>	A. G. Weissert, 1888. <sup>2</sup>
H. G. Rogers, 1877. <sup>2</sup>	L. Ferguson, 1889. <sup>2</sup>
F. S. Hammond, 1878. <sup>2</sup>	

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>4</sup> Present.<sup>14</sup> Assistant adjutant general.

## WISCONSIN—Continued

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

Benj. F. Bryant, 1890. <sup>2</sup>	R. B. Lang, 1909. <sup>2</sup>
W. H. Upham, 1891. <sup>2</sup>	William H. Grinnell, 1909. <sup>2</sup>
C. B. Welton, 1892. <sup>2</sup>	Frank A. Walsh, Milwaukee, 1910. <sup>4 6</sup>
E. A. Shores, 1893 (see Washington and Alaska). <sup>2</sup>	Hiram J. Smith, 1911. <sup>2</sup>
J. A. Watrous, 1894. <sup>2</sup>	George W. Spratt, Sheboygan Falls, 1912.
W. D. Hoard, 1895. <sup>2</sup>	Chas. H. Henry, Eau Claire, 1913.
D. Lloyd Jones, 1896. <sup>2</sup>	Samuel A. Cook, 1914. <sup>2</sup>
E. B. Gray, 1897. <sup>2</sup>	W. J. McKay, 1915. <sup>2</sup>
C. H. Russell, 1898. <sup>2</sup>	O. L. Rosenkrans, 1916. <sup>2</sup>
Henry Harnden, 1899. <sup>2</sup>	W. A. Wyse, 1917. <sup>2</sup>
S. H. Talmadge, 1899. <sup>2</sup>	George D. Breed, Chilton, 1918.
David J. James, 1900. <sup>2</sup>	Robt. R. Campbell, Green Bay, 1919.
A. H. DeGroff, Oakland, Calif., 1901 (see California and Nevada).	Walter O. Pietsch, 1920. <sup>2</sup>
J. H. Agen, 1902. <sup>2</sup>	M. L. Snyder, 1921. <sup>2</sup>
J. P. Rundle, 1903. <sup>2</sup>	James F. Carle, Janesville, 1922.
Pliny Norcross, 1904. <sup>2</sup>	Alfred S. Eaton, Superior, 1923.
F. A. Copeland, 1905. <sup>2</sup>	George W. Morton, Berlin, 1924. <sup>5</sup>
John W. Ganes, Ripon, 1906.	Henry Hase, Milwaukee, 1925.
John C. Martin, Mineral Point, 1907.	Henry Stannard, Greenbush, 1926.
E. D. Coe, 1908. <sup>2</sup>	Henry C. Eaton, Fond du Lac, 1927.

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

A. G. Dinsmore, Oshkosh, 1923.	Joseph Cooper, Racine, 1927.
Louis Hoberg, Sheboygan, 1925.	

## PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. H. Cheseborough, Beloit, 1924.	A. P. Van Matre, Janesville, 1926.
R. J. Arthur, Milwaukee, 1925. <sup>4</sup>	John H. Hellweg, Hayward, 1927.

<sup>2</sup> Deceased.<sup>4</sup> Present.<sup>5</sup> National council of administration.<sup>6</sup> Past commander in chief.



## COMMITTEES

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

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Calvin A. Brainard, senior vice commander in chief, Buffalo, N. Y.  
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Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general, Buffalo, N. Y.  
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William P. Wright, Chicago, Ill.  
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Dr. J. E. Gandy, Spokane, Wash.  
W. F. Hambright, Lancaster, Pa.  
James E. Jewel, Fort Morgan, Colo.  
E. W. Phillips, Wichita, Kans.

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Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Massachusetts.  
Walter S. Tully, New Jersey.  
M. H. Davidson, Kentucky.

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Samuel P. Town, Philadelphia, Pa.

### COMMITTEE ON RULES AND REGULATIONS

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Frank R. Chase, Michigan.  
Charles H. Haskins, California and Nevada.  
Oscar Smith, New York.  
James C. Shields, Idaho.

### COMMITTEE TO AUDIT BOOKS OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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W. F. Hambright, Pennsylvania.  
Silas H. Towler, Minnesota.

### COMMITTEE TO PREPARE RESOLUTIONS

On the death of Past Commander in Chief James Tanner:  
Past Commander in Chief Lewis S. Pilcher, New York.  
Past Commander in Chief Louis F. Arensberg, Pennsylvania.  
Past Quartermaster General Frank Battles, New Hampshire.  
On the death of Past Commander in Chief Washington Gardner:  
Past Commander in Chief Ell Torrance, Minnesota.  
Past Commander in Chief J. W. Willett, Iowa.  
Past Senior Vice Commander in Chief Oscar A. Janes, Michigan.

**DEPARTMENTS IN ORDER OF SENIORITY, ACCORDING TO DATES OF  
PERMANENT ORGANIZATION, AS HERETOFORE ANNOUNCED**

No.	Department	Organized
1	Illinois.....	Apr. 6, 1866
2	Wisconsin.....	June 7, 1866
3	Pennsylvania.....	Jan. 16, 1867
4	Ohio.....	Jan. 30, 1867
5	New York.....	Apr. 3, 1867
6	Connecticut.....	Apr. 11, 1867
7	Massachusetts.....	May 7, 1867
8	New Jersey.....	Dec. 10, 1867
9	Maine.....	Jan. 10, 1868
10	California and Nevada.....	Feb. 21, 1868
11	Rhode Island.....	Mar. 24, 1868
12	New Hampshire.....	June 30, 1868
13	Vermont.....	Oct. 23, 1868
14	Potomac, provisional department, organized Aug. 6, 1867.....	Feb. 13, 1869
15	Virginia and North Carolina..... As Department of Virginia; name changed to Virginia and North Carolina May 20, 1892.	July 27, 1871
16	Maryland, organized Jan. 8, 1868; reorganized.....	June 9, 1876
17	Nebraska.....	June 11, 1877
18	Michigan, organized May 6, 1868; reorganized.....	Jan. 22, 1879
19	Iowa, organized Sept. 26, 1866; reorganized.....	Jan. 23, 1879
20	Indiana, organized Aug. 20, 1866; reorganized.....	Oct. 3, 1879
21	Colorado and Wyoming..... As Department of the Mountains; name changed to Colorado July 31, 1882; name changed to Colorado and Wyoming Aug. 28, 1889.	Dec. 11, 1879
22	Kansas, organized Dec. 7, 1866; reorganized.....	Mar. 16, 1880
23	Delaware.....	Jan. 14, 1881
24	Minnesota, organized Aug. 4, 1867; reorganized.....	Aug. 17, 1881
25	Missouri, organized May 16, 1867; reorganized.....	Apr. 22, 1882
26	Oregon.....	Sept. 28, 1882
27	Kentucky.....	Jan. 16, 1883
28	West Virginia, organized Apr. 9, 1868; reorganized.....	Feb. 20, 1883
29	South Dakota..... As Department of Dakota; name changed to South Dakota Apr. 11, 1890.	Feb. 27, 1883
30	Washington and Alaska.....	June 20, 1883
31	Arkansas.....	July 11, 1883
32	New Mexico.....	July 14, 1883
33	Utah.....	Oct. 8, 1883
34	Tennessee.....	Feb. 26, 1884
35	Louisiana and Mississippi..... As Department of the Gulf; name changed to Louisiana and Mississippi June 13, 1888.	May 15, 1884
36	Florida.....	June 19, 1884
37	Montana.....	Mar. 10, 1885
38	Texas.....	Mar. 25, 1885
39	Idaho.....	Jan. 11, 1888
40	Arizona.....	Jan. 17, 1888
41	Georgia and South Carolina.....	Jan. 25, 1889
42	Alabama.....	Mar. 12, 1889
43	North Dakota.....	Apr. 23, 1890
44	Oklahoma..... As Department of Oklahoma and Indian Territory; name changed to Oklahoma July 3, 1891.	Aug. 7, 1890
45	Indian Territory..... Consolidated with and merged into the Department of Oklahoma May 19-22, 1908.	July 3, 1891





# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENCAMPMENT

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## THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, AT DENVER, COLO., SEPTEMBER 17 TO 20, 1928

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The Sixty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened in the Civic Auditorium, Denver, Colo., at 2.30 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, September 19, 1928, Commander in Chief Elbridge L. Hawk, of Sacramento, Calif., presiding.

Commander in Chief HAWK. None but regular representatives will occupy these seats on the main floor. All others will find seats on the side or in the gallery. There are just sufficient seats here for the representatives—none to spare. There is no smoking allowed by the city authorities in the building. If any of you are inclined to or have to smoke, you will have to retire to the lobby. We will excuse you without your asking for it.

The encampment was then opened in due form, including the ritualistic invocation by Chaplain in Chief J. King Gibson.

Past Commander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. A matter of privilege. The Sixty-second Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic is now open for business. There are hundreds and thousands of our sons and daughters on the outside who have accompanied us who are interested in our work and on whom we are depending for the future. I remember that every word that is spoken on this floor is being officially inscribed at the expense of the Government and will soon be in black and white, so that every man in the whole country may know what we have done. Now, Mr. Commander in Chief, would it not be most courteous and do we not all desire that these empty seats on either side of these galleries should be filled by the citizens of this most generous and hospitable city and by our sons and daughters who are around us and who wish to see us at work? That, I believe, is the wish of every heart here, and therefore I now beg at the beginning of this encampment to offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the sessions of this national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic be open to the public and that, in addition, to all comrades present in Denver not delegates, the members of the various auxiliary and associated patriotic bodies are especially invited to seats in the galleries of this hall during the sessions of the encampment.

Past Commander in Chief LOUIS F. ARENSBERG. I wish to second that motion. I am heartily in accord with the purpose of this.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, you have heard the resolution as read by Past Commander in Chief Pilcher and seconded by Past Commander in Chief Arensberg, that this hall be given over—the galleries and the boxes—to the various allied patriotic bodies. They are invited to seats in the hall during the sessions of this encampment. Anyone want to speak on this? If not, all in favor of



this resolution say "Aye." Contrary, "No." The ayes seem to have it. The ayes have it, and it is adopted.

Comrades, on my trip around through the various departments I came into the State of Iowa, and there a comrade presented me with this gavel made by his own hand—Comrade J. J. Earl, of Fayette, Iowa. The gavel is composed of six different woods. The name of each wood commences the initials of the national encampment of Grand Army of the Republic—the various woods by name. And then in the handle are six letters. The woods in six letters in the same way say "D-e-n-v-e-r." Now, he gave me this hoping that I would use it in this encampment. I want to say that between the two—we will alternate possibly, and you will hear one or the other. If you get too obstreperous we may send this one over your way in place of the other.

The next order of the day is the report of the committee on credentials.

Adjutant General WILLIAM H. NOLL. Commander in chief, all departments through the adjutants have drawn badges for their officers and representatives, the permanent members of the encampment, including the past senior and junior vice department commanders, and all departments have reported except Tennessee.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Tennessee is the only department absent?

Adjutant General NOLL. Tennessee is the only department that has not reported; 1,292 badges have been issued and the net voting strength of the encampment is 1,306. This is a partial report from the credentials committee.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Will the senior vice commander in chief take the chair?

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Calvin A. Brainard then took the chair and the commander in chief read his address, as follows:

#### ADDRESS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

For the third time in the history of our organization we are assembled in the Queen City of the Plains to listen to reports of various national officers who have had charge of the affairs for the past year, as well as to enact such legislation as may assure the continuance of the Grand Army of the Republic upon a safe and sure foundation.

Denver, the city in which we are meeting, is a most enterprising and entertaining city, being considered the central city of the country, increasing each year in population, wealth, and beauty, at the same time breathing a hospitality which is not confined to itself alone, but permeates throughout every town and city of the wonderful State of Colorado.

Forty-five years have elapsed since we first met here and it is 23 years since our second coming. At our first meeting here our auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, was founded, and at our second encampment in this city our universally beloved Comrade Tanner was elected commander in chief. The national encampment has been entertained during the existence of the Grand Army of the Republic by but three cities more often than by Denver.



Immediately after the close of the encampment I left for my native State of Ohio, and while there visited the old camp ground at Camp Circleville on September 19, the sixty-fifth anniversary of our leaving camp, and also went to my birthplace, McArthur, where I met and entertained for a few hours a score or more of comrades and friends.

Reaching home I was surprised by my many good friends, comrades, and ladies of the allied organizations and given such a welcome at the station that made it appear that the entire community rejoiced with me in my election and appreciated the honor which had come to the State of California the first time in the history of our organization.

The day after my arrival home, accompanied by Adjutant General Noll, I called on the governor at the State Capitol, who gave us a flattering reception and offered us a room for headquarters in the capitol. The thanks of the Grand Army of the Republic are due Gov. C. C. Young and Director of Finance A. R. Heron for the office and supplies furnished, and also to the various officials and employees who have been so courteous and considerate for the welfare of those connected with headquarters.

#### STATE OF THE ORDER

Conditions throughout the organization have been most harmonious. Very few cases have been referred to the commander in chief for a decision and those submitted, in most cases, have been requests for an interpretation of the law, rather than because of any serious controversy.

At the last national encampment Commander in Chief Walsh reported that the case of P. N. Lathrop, of Oregon, which had been acted on by previous encampments, had again been brought to him by the Department of Oregon and he recommended that a special committee be appointed to look over the papers and report to the encampment. The proceedings do not show that any action was taken on this recommendation and as the papers were sent to me by my predecessor, I am laying the matter before this encampment that the recommendation of last year may be acted on and the matter definitely settled.

#### PENSIONS

Both the sixtieth and sixty-first national encampments gave emphatic instructions that all energies be directed solely to securing an increase from \$30 to \$50 per month for the widows of our deceased comrades, and it became my duty, as soon as I received the transcript of the proceedings of our business session, to appoint a committee on legislation to carry out the wishes of the encampment.

In looking over the names of all who might be considered good men to appoint on that committee, it seemed but fair that the man who had served as chairman of the committee on legislation the previous year and had succeeded in bringing about the passage of a bill granting an increase to the widows, only to have it fail of signature by the President, should again be appointed chairman to carry to fruition his labors. To work with Comrade Van Sant, I appointed



Past Commander in Chief Lewis S. Pilcher, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Past Senior Vice Commander in Chief Oscar A. Janes, Detroit, Mich.; Past Department Commander H. B. Moulton, Washington, D. C.; and Assistant Quartermaster General Samuel P. Town, Philadelphia, Pa. All of these comrades were able and experienced in public affairs and I had every confidence that they would carry out the instructions of the national encampment.

For the information of those who were not present at the last national encampment and who may not have read General Orders No. 3, I will quote from these orders Section XIV on pension legislation, that all here present may know the purposes which guided me in my attitude toward pension legislation, regardless of my personal feelings on the subject.

The section referred to is as follows:

The last national encampment considered the pension question in the meeting of the committee on resolutions, composed of one member from each department, making 43 members in all. After discussing the matter for some time, and from all angles, this committee decided that it would be impossible to secure the passage of a bill increasing the pensions of veterans during this session, but many of the committee, who had talked the matter over with Members of Congress, were of the opinion that if a bill could be passed increasing the pensions of widows who were getting but \$30, the President might sign it. The feeling was general that the President, in view of his public statements at various times, would not sign a bill increasing the pensions of veterans, since he stated that he thinks the Government has been liberal to its soldiers.

As a result of this discussion the resolution committee reported to the national encampment that it was deemed inexpedient to ask for any legislation at this session other than an increase to \$50 for widows 65 years of age or over. This report was made in the presence of the entire encampment, and not one dissenting voice was raised against it or in favor of an increase for the veterans, and yet some who are condemning this administration so unfairly were present when this matter came up and never raised their voice in favor of any other legislation.

The commander in chief had no part in this matter, but feels, as you must admit he should, that the body which elected him was the same body which decided to ask for no increase in pension other than for the widows, and he, by the obligation which he took when installed into office as commander in chief, had no choice but to follow the dictates of that encampment which had elected him to such office.

After careful consideration he selected five comrades experienced in pension legislation to serve on the committee on legislation. In making these appointments he was guided only by his judgment of men who could best carry out the wishes of the Grand Army of the Republic, the appointment of no one of them having been solicited or recommended by any one.

On January 16 the commander in chief and the legislative committee met in Washington for the purpose of conferring with the Senate and House Committees on Pensions concerning pension legislation as advocated by the national encampment. Prior to the arrival of the committee on legislation, the commander in chief had an opportunity, through the courtesy of the Congressman from his home district, Hon. Charles F. Curry, to meet the chairman of the Senate and House Committees on Pensions. He tried to impress on these gentlemen the fact that the legislation asked for by the Grand Army of the Republic was fair and just.

On January 18 the legislative committee was given a hearing before the joint committees of the Senate and House. The legislative committee was accompanied to the hearing by the commander in chief and representatives from the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their auxiliary, and all had an opportunity to express their views, the commander in chief confining his remarks to an expression of the wish of the encampment as shown by the record of proceedings, which was practically the same as Senate bill 1939.



After a full hearing and discussion the committee adjourned. Since that time Senate bill 1939 has been amended by striking out the age limit of 65 years and inserting the marriage date restriction now in force.

The House bill, introduced by Congressman Fitzgerald, chairman of the House Committee on Pensions, was less liberal than the bill of Senator Robinson in the Senate and provided for a pension of \$40 a month for widows who have reached the age of 75 years. This bill passed the House last week. Congressman Fitzgerald, in reporting the bill to the House, stated that this bill conformed to the administration economy program.

At the request of Comrade Van Sant I met with the committee in Washington, D. C., in January, taking with me for the guidance of the committee the official transcript of the action of the encampment. For the proceedings of the committee and for the results attained, I recommend you to a careful reading of their report.

I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the committee on legislation and the representatives of our auxiliary and allied organizations who attended the meeting in Washington, for their efforts to secure a pension of \$50 a month for the widows. While they secured only half the increase asked and worked for, it is wonderful with the misrepresentations disseminated and printed about the committee, that they succeeded as well as they did and they deserve the gratitude of the Grand Army of the Republic for their work.

Chairman Van Sant is to be particularly commended for his work at a time when his helpmate and partner of 50 years was lying critically ill. With all his care and solicitude for her, he remembered his obligation to aid the widows of our comrades. Past Commander in Chief Pilcher was called on to act, that Comrade Van Sant might be relieved, and responded with alacrity, but our chairman continued in the work and soon after it was concluded his life companion passed away.

Looking over the whole matter of pension legislation for the veterans and their dependents, I am convinced that if we want to get any future legislation it must be done as soon as possible and by the Grand Army of the Republic and we must not delegate it to any person outside our order, particularly to one who is chairman of legislation for another and larger organization than ours.

I would recommend that this encampment ask for legislation by Congress granting an increase of \$72 per month for all veterans now receiving \$65, \$150 a month for all veterans totally blind, and \$50 a month for all widows. I feel the necessity of early action and sincerely hope that whatever pension legislation this encampment may determine upon, will receive the unanimous support of our membership and that they will stand back of the next legislative committee.

#### MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day was more universally observed this year than at any previous time, graves being decorated all over our own country as well as in many foreign places. It is now three score years since this observance was inaugurated. Since that time the Nation has been engaged in two wars and therefore the purpose of the day has a broader significance, as the whole Nation now observes it as sacred to the memory of all its sons who on any field have given their lives for their country.



There is no doubt, however, but that in public services on Memorial Day the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic will always, as is right and proper, be accorded the prominent place as long as any of them shall survive.

#### OFFICIAL VISITATIONS

During the entire months of May and June I paid 12 official visits to departments from the Pacific to the Atlantic and back to the Pacific again by the Northwest. Everywhere I was received with open arms and my reception will always remain a bright spot. To mingle with my comrades in their department encampments, to see the interest they take in the past, present, and future was a great delight. At the same time and places to meet our auxiliary and allied organizations in their various conventions was a wonderful experience and one that will remain with me while memory lasts.

It was my pleasure to have as traveling companions much of the time on these trips Mrs. Emma W. Campbell, national president Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Marybel Ross, national president Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Mrs. Ida M. Glasgow, national president Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and Mrs. Margaret L. Waters, national president Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I did not have the opportunity of meeting Commander in Chief Mabie, of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, but on two or three occasions I had as my associate and traveling companion Senior Vice Commander in Chief D. B. Bowley, who proved himself a camp organizer at stopping places on the route.

It was my privilege to meet at one or two of the department encampments Mrs. Alice Cary Risley, national president of the Army Nurses of the Civil War. The women who compose this organization were the friends of the soldiers on the battle fields and in the hospitals where they relieved the suffering and cared for the dying and did much to cheer the despondent boys and men. It is gratifying to know that there are 48 of these "angels of mercy" still living.

The associations formed during my trip were enjoyed and with these organizations there was nothing too good for the Grand Army of the Republic. It was a disappointment that I could not reach every department, but dates of meetings would not allow. I was compelled to call upon officers and past officers to help out, and often, because of the illness of the comrade delegated to represent me, had to make a second detail, but whenever possible the comrades assigned to represent me cheerfully complied.

I am under obligations to Senior Vice Commander in Chief Calvin A. Brainard for representing me at the department encampment of Florida in April and the Michigan and Indiana encampments in June, and to the following officers and past officers who represented me at the various encampments as follows: Surg. Gen. Henry A. Johnson at Maryland encampment in April; Chief of Staff George A. Hosley at Maine and Vermont encampments in June; Asst. Q. M. Gen. Samuel P. Town at New Jersey encampment in June; Past Commander in Chief John R. King at encampment of the Department of the Potomac in February; Past Commander in Chief Frank A. Walsh at Wisconsin encampment in June; and Past Judge Advocate Gen. W. G. Cochran at Illinois



encampment in June when Past Commander in Chief John B. Inman was unable to do so.

I am especially grateful to Past Commander in Chief Lewis S. Pilcher, who, on account of the senior vice commander in chief's absence in Florida, represented me at the encampments of the Departments of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire in April and Connecticut the 1st of May.

#### IN MEMORIAM

We had but just arrived home from Grand Rapids when news came of the death of Past Commander in Chief James Tanner, which occurred at his home in Washington, D. C., October 2, 1927. For more than half a century he had attended every national encampment previous to the last. His life and sufferings are known to all his comrades. I believe that no surviving comrade suffered the physical pain during the past 65 years that Comrade Tanner did.

Some six months later we were again startled by the news of the death of Past Commander in Chief Washington Gardner, which occurred at his home in Albion, Mich., March 31, 1928. Comrade Gardner had filled with success and honor many positions in life, and he too suffered much in later years from wounds received in 1864.

The muster out of these two leaders, both men on whom we looked for guidance and counsel at our national encampments, has left a void of which we are all conscious at this meeting.

The grim reaper has taken this year three of the official staff, George W. Grannis, assistant adjutant general; William H. Comstock, senior aide de camp; and Walter L. Funk, inspector general; and also three members of the national council of administration—Samuel D. Webster, of Missouri; Isaac Cole, of New Jersey; and J. L. Farrington, of Iowa. Three departments suffered the loss of department commander, the commander of the Department of New York being mustered out in February and his successor in office in May; the Department of Virginia and North Carolina lost its mainstay in the death of Past Junior Vice Commander in Chief Haber, who had been department commander for 10 years, and in June Rhode Island was called to mourn the passing of its department commander. Five assistant adjutants general from the Departments of Arkansas, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Virginia and North Carolina have answered the last roll call since we met in Grand Rapids, as well as more than two score or more past department commanders.

#### OFFICIAL RECOGNITION

In my report of official visitations I have mentioned the services of Senior Vice Commander in Chief Calvin A. Brainard, Surg. Gen. Henry A. Johnson, Chief of Staff George A. Hosley, and Asst. Q. M. Gen. Samuel P. Town. I had hoped to avail myself of the services of Junior Vice Commander in Chief Samuel E. Mahan, but he was unable to accept the first detail I made for him because of the serious sickness of his brother, a past commander of the Department of Minnesota, and other assignments which I had intended giving him were not made for the same reason.



Chaplain in Chief J. King Gibson and National Patriotic Instructor Charles W. Blodgett were also unable to make the visitations to which I had assigned them because of illness.

Asst. Adjt. Gen. John J. Steadman and Senior Aide de Camp John W. Cox, who became members of the staff, following the muster out of Comrades Grannis and Comstock, have, like all other members of the staff, been ready and willing at all times to aid in any way possible, and it is anticipated that they will be of great assistance to the adjutant general and chief of staff, respectively, during this encampment.

Chief of Staff George A. Hosley, who has filled that office for several years, has been most helpful and his expert supervision of our parade to-day proves he is "a master of men," and that it is well to "let George do it."

Judge Advocate General John Reese has rendered careful and correct opinions in all matters referred to him. He was unable to represent me at the encampment of Colorado and Wyoming as requested, but later attended the national convention of the Disabled Veterans of the World War in Denver as my representative and extended the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic to these younger veterans.

A careful reading of the reports of the foregoing officers will convince you that they have all been working throughout the year for the success of our beloved order.

I was invited to attend the national convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Indianapolis the last week of August, but because of the distance from headquarters and the close approach of this encampment, I could not accept. However, I detailed Comrade David N. Foster, a member of the executive committee of the national council of administration and a past commander of the Department of Indiana, to extend the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic, which were enthusiastically received.

Adjutant General William H. Noll, quiet, unassuming, as well as a trained business man, has conducted the office to my entire satisfaction. I feel that I was, indeed, fortunate in having secured the services of such an efficient officer for this important position. Inspection of his report will show how well we are holding our own in spite of increasing age.

Quartermaster General Cola D. R. Stowits, who has held that office so long that his name and fame as a financier are known in every department, is completing his twentieth year of service in that capacity. He has been prompt and efficient in the discharge of his duties, maintaining his record for intelligence and clear judgment. Your attention is especially directed to his report.

There is another, not a comrade, whom you have known in the days gone by. I refer to our secretary, Miss Katharine R. A. Flood. She has held this position during a dozen administrations and her experience in the detail work of the office, her extensive acquaintance with the membership of our order, her knowledge of the action of former national encampments, her remarkable memory for names and occurrences, together with her devotion to her father's comrades, which keeps her working cheerfully in season and out of season, makes her a most valued member of the official family and one whose place it would be most difficult to fill.



## CONCLUSION

When the work of this encampment shall end and I shall have turned over to my successor the duties and responsibilities of commander in chief of this wonderful organization and return to the ranks and touch elbows with you, I will always keep fresh the memories of this year's association with you. "May all your ways be ways of pleasantness and all your paths be paths of peace."

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BRAINARD. Comrades, you have listened to the splendid address of our commander in chief. What is your wish in regard thereto?

Comrade W. F. HAMBRIGHT of Pennsylvania. Commander in Chief, I move that it be referred to a special committee.

Comrade D. C. ZIMMERMAN of Illinois. I move, as a substitute for that, that the address as read be adopted without any reference.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BRAINARD. If there are no objections, this matter will be referred to the following committee on commander's address: Lewis S. Pilcher, past commander in chief, chairman; Louis F. Arensberg, past commander in chief; W. F. Henry, Missouri; O. H. Oldroyd, Potomac; E. T. Abbott, Connecticut. That committee will kindly be ready to report upon application.

Comrade W. F. HAMBRIGHT of Pennsylvania. Inasmuch as all the other reports are in printed form and in your hands, to expedite business I move that they be received as printed, without reading, and referred to the proper committees.

(Motion seconded.)

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BRAINARD. You have all heard that motion, comrades. As I understand the motion—just once more will you repeat that motion?

Chief of Staff GEORGE A. HOSLEY. The motion is that all other reports will be accepted and adopted as printed without reading.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BRAINARD. That is, reports of officers, as I understand it. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of that motion will say "Aye." Contrary, if any? The motion is carried and so ordered.

Past Commander in Chief JOHN R. KING. The Grand Army is always thoughtful for others. You all see the splendid seating arrangements in this hall to-day. There is one, not a member of our order, who attends to that business from year to year without compensation. He does it out of memory for his soldier father. I move you, sir, that the thanks of this encampment be voted to Mr. Roderick J. Cant (Buffalo, N. Y.) for his services in that respect.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BRAINARD. Comrades, you have heard the motion of Past Commander in Chief King.

Comrade WILBUR F. HENRY, of Missouri. What is the motion?

Past Commander in Chief KING. I will repeat the motion: That the thanks of this encampment be voted to Mr. Roderick J. Cant for his services in looking after the seating arrangements for this encampment.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BRAINARD. Comrades, you have heard the motion. All in favor of it will say "Aye." Contrary, "No." The ayes have it, and so ordered.



Comrade WILBUR F. HENRY, of Missouri. May I say a word? We can not hear back here. If you will speak as the commander in chief when he read his address, we can hear. We heard every word of that address; but those that speak like the comrade that made this motion we can not hear it unless it is repeated from the platform.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. One year ago—Comrades, if you will be quiet, I will agree to make you hear. I have not a very important message, but it was entrusted to me—a commission on the part of the national encampment at this particular time.

One year ago, Commander in Chief, you were elected to the high office of commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. By that act your comrades showed their extreme confidence in you, and they recognized in you a leader, a patriot, a good soldier; one whose services they required for the oncoming year. They drafted you, as it were, and you responded and accepted the highest office in the gift of this magnificent organization. We have had your services now for a twelvemonth.

We recognize efficiency and ability, and while, in harmony with the custom for all time from the beginning of this organization, no salary is paid to you as commander in chief for your services, we recognize further that there are many little expenses in connection with the position of commander in chief that can not be met in the ordinary way. Therefore it has been the unwritten law of this encampment to reimburse somewhat the retiring commander in chief, and it is my mission at this time to give to you, in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic, at this, its sixty-second national encampment, a testimonial in that regard, which is in unison with the precedent heretofore established.

I take great pleasure in handing to you an official check to help pay for your cigars and other vintages, in case that you have been using anything of that kind, and other things that are not ordinarily considered in connection with your high office, and we trust that you will accept this testimonial in behalf of the organization in the spirit in which it is given, not because of the munificence of the same, but as evidence of our recognition and confidence in you as a worthy comrade just now about to retire from the high office of commander in chief. In a day or two you will resume your seat in the body of the house—on the stage, perhaps, along with the balance of the other “has beens.” We will expect you to take orders from your superior as you have given orders. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HAWK. My comrades, I will say to you that words fail me in giving thanks for this expression of your confidence in this testimonial given me. It has been my unfailing purpose for more than half a century to give of my time and means to help the Grand Army of the Republic, and this I expect to do so long as I live, and I am ready as well to respond to any comrade who wants me in any way or anyone dependent upon a comrade.

I have not made out a bill for any services rendered as yet for anything, and fortunately we have got along. But as this has been the custom, as the eloquent comrade who has presented it to me says, I think I will have to pass this over to the commander of the commander in chief and let her say how and where it shall be used or



disposed of. But I just say to you that you have my sincere thanks for this recognition. I certainly will remember it and keep it in grateful remembrance as long as I live. [Applause.]

Chief of Staff GEORGE A. HOSLEY. Outside here in the wings are two organizations of veterans here in Denver that have such an appreciation of you that they desire to present you with some tokens in the shape of flowers in appreciation of your visit to this city. They represent the Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the Spanish War Veterans' Auxiliary.

Comrade SAMUEL P. TOWN, of Pennsylvania. I move they be admitted.

Commander in Chief HAWK. I want to say, comrades, that these beautiful flowers were sent in to us to be used around our encampment to keep the platform cheerful. You see these boys have got something to make them cheerful—these serious-minded fellows sitting behind me here. I want these flowers distributed so as to make a reflection on their countenances so as to make them keep bright and not be serious during the time of this encampment. All through my life I have advocated keeping smiling and keeping going and keeping doing, making everyone happy, if possible, around you, and that is the reason they are sending these in here, to keep us feeling good during this encampment.

The motion is made that the delegations that have been spoken of by the chief of staff be admitted. Is there any objection? If not, they will be admitted.

Mrs. CHARLES H. GUNN, Denver. Comrades, and commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary of Francis Brown Lowry Post, No. 501, Veterans of Foreign Wars, we present this token of our esteem and appreciation of the services rendered our country and our flag [presenting flowers].

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, you see the token from the auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in appreciation of your visit to the city. I am not going to take these to myself.

The city of Denver, the time that you are giving them here, the pleasure they have been receiving in entertaining you—it certainly looks good to me, Comrades.

Mrs. President, we sincerely thank you for this manifestation. We are glad to receive these flowers for these old boys. We want to keep things bright and cheerful before them, I just told them before you came in. You have been giving them everything good since we have been here. Our treatment has been most cordial, and it will be difficult for any city to equal you in the entertainment that you have given our comrades.

Mrs. MARY M. LORD, Denver. As president of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary, it affords me great pleasure to present to Comrade Commander in Chief Hawk this token from the national president, Margaret M. Manion, and all the national auxiliaries of the United Spanish War Veterans. We are more than pleased to welcome you to our city, comrades. We appreciate the sacrifice you made. We only hope that this token will, in some slight way, remind you of our appreciation. I thank you. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HAWK. I know how you feel. While we did our bit in our time, the boys of 30 years ago did their bit equally



with the opportunities they had. We are pleased indeed to receive from you such token as you have given us. We know that it cheers every heart, and that you mean what you say when you tender these flowers to us. I sincerely thank you.

Assistant Adjutant General STEADMAN. Commander in Chief, the following departments have not reported to the adjutant general their selection of member of the committee on resolutions and of the national council of administration. Such departments will please report at once to the adjutant general: Delaware, Montana, New Mexico, Ohio, Rhode Island (committee on resolutions), South Dakota (committee on resolutions), Washington and Alaska, and Wisconsin.

Commander in Chief HAWK. The assistant adjutant general will now read the names of the committees appointed.

Assistant Adjutant General STEADMAN (reading):

Committee on reports of other officers: J. W. Willett, past commander in chief, chairman; John R. King, past commander in chief; O. C. Bell, Nebraska; E. F. Taggart, Ohio; Edwin J. Foster, Massachusetts.

#### GREETINGS COMMITTEES

Woman's Relief Corps: Samuel R. Van Sant, past commander in chief, chairman; Ell Torrance, past commander in chief; Crocker Ricketts, department commander, Colorado and Wyoming.

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: William P. Wright, Illinois, chairman; George I. Rudolph, Pennsylvania; Frank Dagle, Iowa.

Army Nurses of the Civil War: Frank O. Cole, New Jersey, chairman; Peter H. Mass, California and Nevada; H. P. Carson, South Dakota.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War: William Patton Griffith, New York, chairman; J. W. Priddy, Kansas; Albert Dunham, Michigan.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Samuel P. Town, Pennsylvania, chairman; S. W. Hopkins, California and Nevada; George H. Pounder, Wisconsin.

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Henry Clark, Massachusetts, chairman; A. Van Giesen, New Jersey; Fred A. Burt, Rhode Island.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Now, comrades, you have heard the names of these committees. You want to get in touch with the chairman of each committee, so that you will be able to work on the morrow.

We have with us a gentleman whom I know you would all like to hear and see. I refer to the Commissioner of Pensions.

Hon. WINFIELD SCOTT, United States Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C. Mr. Commander in Chief, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and friends, it would seem, perhaps, that one of you should respond to this address, as it happens that the position that I hold is that of Commissioner of Pensions and the activities of the bureau being the thing in which you are most interested; yet after all, on an occasion like this, it may not be amiss to call upon one who belongs to several generations later than the great Civil War, which to him is little more than history, and who however insufficiently represents the feelings of that and the succeeding generations as to our great Civil War.

I was not born until more than 14 years after the close of that internecine strife. My earliest recollection of the Grand Army of the Republic was about 1885, and that recollection is more or less confined to the stories told me by my father when I was trotted upon his knee.



I saw the Grand Army of the Republic year after year from that time on when the great encampments assembled and in your reunions while you were in the vigor of your middle-aged manhood. I have a recollection of those great soldiers, General Grant, General Sherman, and General Sheridan, in all of the stories that I have been told, and of the actions that you entered into for the preservation of the Union. I can not forget the eloquence of those stories that I have received from some of your leaders from 1861 to 1865, and of the great battles that you went into for the preservation of the Union. I understood but dimly all the meaning of the Battles of Bull Run, of the Wilderness, of Chickamauga, of Vicksburg, and Appomattox. To my boyish mind of those days one thing alone was clear; that all the soldiers of the Grand Army of the Republic as they marched by in their faded blue were in those hours all heroes and patriots. Through many changes that simple belief of my boyhood has never altered. The gratitude which I felt then I confess to to-day more strongly than ever; but other feelings have in the progress of time come to me.

I have learned, and others of my generation have learned, what the war really meant, and they have also learned to know and to do justice to the men who fought the war upon the southern side.

I am not here to-day in your presence to indulge in any mock sentimentality. You brave men who wore the blue would be the first to hold me, or any other son of the North, in just contempt if I should say that now, after 63 years, I thought you were wrong and the result of the war a mistake, and that I was not prepared to express my political opinion.

I believe most emphatically that the great Civil War on our side was providentially right; that the victory of the Northern Army was the salvation of the country; and that the results of the war were of infinite benefit to both North and South. However, we must accept the causes for which you fought as settled. Commit them to history and fight over them no more.

To the men who fought on the other side—on the part of the Confederate States—you will hold out your hands freely, spontaneously, and gladly. We want to and have united together to recognize courage and faith wherever shown. We bow in homage, with uncovered heads. We respect and you respect and honor the gallantry and valor of the brave men who fought against you and gave their lives in defense of what they believed to be right.

We all recognize that the various generals who led you, Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, Logan, and McPherson, are beloved by you and by all the comrades as the greatest soldiers of those times, because they, too, were Americans. You have no bitter memories to revive, no redresses to duty. We do not have to be reconciled to the South because reconciliation already exists. You and the South differ in politics, and more or less in other ways, but you do not differ with each other on sectional lines, or by race or color.

In 1776 our fathers brought forth on this continent a new Nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the purpose that all men are created free and equal. Growing discontent in the old country and the percolation of new thought and new discoveries forced the settlement of this country; at Jamestown in 1607 and at Plymouth in 1620—permeated with principles of liberty and independence and



the elimination of the rule of the few over the many. Pursuant to that declaration our fathers established a Constitution or a declaration of principles upon which you, in your sublime heroism of 1861 to 1865 have eliminated all question of partisanship and dissension and established permanency to those ideas. [Applause.]

Your presence here in this encampment brings back noble memories of those days of the inception of our Union. Even at your age, across the span of years, we have a breath of the spirit of concord which unites with so many other voices in the irrevocable message of union and good will. Some may say that this is mere sentiment. If it be so, it is a sentiment that has moved the world. Sentiment fought the Civil War, and sentiment has reunited us. Because you were willing to go down into the valley of the shadow of death for the principles of the Constitution from 1861 to 1865, the country owes you, venerable men, a debt of gratitude that can never be paid in dollars and cents; and the country would be unfaithful to your trust in it if the country did not, in every way and form possible, try to make your last days as comfortable as possible because the country owes everything to you; and in pursuance of that trust the country has tried in a material way to take care of you who were injured in her service and came out impaired for life, and also of your wives and dependent ones.

Pursuant to that trust, in a material way since the close of the great Civil War, the country has paid, because of pensions, to you and your loved ones, over \$7,000,000,000. Your comrades are rapidly passing beyond this vale of tears. At the close of business on the 31st of August, 1928, there were on the rolls of the Pension Bureau a remnant of that big army of the Civil War, amounting to only 72,921. There were then 42 nurses of the great Civil War still on the roll, and there were on the rolls 192,245 of your widows and dependent children.

The Government paid to the soldiers of the Civil War, during the month of August by way of pensions, \$5,135,650.69; to Army nurses, \$2,050; and to your widows and dependent children, \$7,736,274.02.

I have not given you these figures by way of saying that the Government is doing all that is possible for your welfare, but to show you what the Government has done during the month of August, 1928.

Since the American people declared their independence from Great Britain we have been engaged in open hostilities with an enemy—major or minor—every third year of our existence as a Nation. Thus we have had many of our citizens maimed or killed in the service of the country throughout the years. The country has felt obligated to care for, by way of pensions, these defenders with their dependents.

In the month following the Declaration of Independence, on August 26, 1776, the Congress passed resolutions promising pensions to soldiers and sailors who might be disabled in the war. Thus at this early period of the first military operations in the war for independence was the system of pensions commenced by anticipation. From that time our National Legislature has gone on, step by step, to complete the details of the pension system and to expand the system itself to meet the demands of justice, gratitude, and hu-



manity toward those heroes who have rendered military and naval service and earned the recognition of a generous country. This obligation that has found expression in our pension system has been wisely and aptly expressed by the martyred Lincoln, "To care for him who has borne the battle and for his widow and orphans."

Originally all pensions were granted and paid by the States, but on September 29, 1789, Congress enacted a law providing for payment of pensions from March 4, 1789, by the United States. This duty for payment of Army pensions devolved upon the Secretary of War; for Navy pensions, upon the Secretary of the Navy.

On March 2, 1833, the Pension Bureau was established as an independent office in the War Department, under a Commissioner of Pensions. This office was transferred to the Department of the Interior by act of March 3, 1849, creating that department, with which it has ever since been connected.

The biographies of countless thousands who gave themselves to the service of their country repose in the archives of the Pension Office. They constitute life histories fraught with stories of heroism, self-sacrifice, and devotion. In these files are portrayed, in intimate and fascinating detail, the lives of patriots and their associates; their lineage, aspirations, and achievements, as well as their afflictions, needs, and frailties. The lapse of years will greatly enhance the value to posterity of these records of the deeds of patriotic Americans, who, by generous self-sacrifice, earned the grateful benediction of a nation which can not be adequately expressed in mere words and gratuities.

This estimate of the growing value of the immense files of the Pension Bureau, approximately 6,000,000 pension cases and 600,000 bounty land cases, is borne out by the manifest appreciation of the value of the files of the Revolutionary War and War of 1812 pension cases from historical and genealogical viewpoints. In the fiscal year ended June 30, 1928, there were drawn from these files 10,646 cases, and 9,724 statements were prepared concerning them, and 2,938 persons called to examine these old claims for information to satisfy historical or genealogical researches. The present activities of the bureau are reflected by statistical information of the number of pensioners, the disbursements for pensions, and the number of claims in the course of adjudication.

The close of the fiscal year showed 491,194 pensioners on the roll, as against 489,942 on June 30, 1927, a net gain of 1,252. During the year 43,994 names were added to the roll and 42,742 removed by reason of death, remarriage, and other causes. Of the losses to the roll, 41,462 were by death, of which 15,237 were Civil War soldiers and 21,036 Civil War widows. The balance of deaths, amounting to 5,189, were mostly Spanish War soldiers and their widows. Of the pensioners at the close of the fiscal year 1928, 74,929 were Civil War soldiers, 197,934 Civil War widows, 164,708 Spanish War soldiers, and 26,195 Spanish War widows. By class, the roll showed 258,620 soldiers, 224,714 widows, 410 nurses, 2,346 minor children, 893 helpless children, and 4,211 dependent relatives of soldiers.

To these pensioners the disbursements for pensions amounted to \$228,956,672.49. Of this sum, Civil War soldiers received \$69,683,-



556.28; Civil War widows, \$79,958,669.91; Spanish War soldiers, \$59,908,097.53; and Spanish War widows, \$10,615,696.56. Others who shared in the total disbursements for pensions were 13,665 soldiers disabled in service and line of duty, 3,555 widows and dependents of soldiers and sailors whose deaths were service connected, 5,267 veterans of Indian wars, 3,604 widows of such veterans, and 3 soldiers of the Mexican War and 845 widows of Mexican War soldiers. Eighty years after the close of the Mexican War finds 3 soldiers of that war still in receipt of pension, and 14 widows of soldiers of the War of 1812 are yet on the roll, although 113 years have elapsed since the close of that war.

Of the 2,213,365 who responded to the call for the preservation of the Union and participated in the Civil War, the pension roll indicates that practically all but 74,929 have answered the last roll call. Of those still surviving, 31,528 are in receipt of \$65 per month, 35,902 are in receipt of \$72 per month, and 6,818, \$90 per month. Of the 164,708 Spanish War veterans on the roll June 30, 1928, 45,881 were in receipt of \$20 per month; 39,374, \$25 per month; 36,276, \$30 per month; 23,516, \$40 per month; 16,992, \$50 per month; and 1,193, \$72 per month.

There were before the bureau for action in the past fiscal year 190,209 claims, of which 147,620 were disposed of, leaving on hand at the close of the year 42,589. Of the claims disposed of, 24,354 were based on Civil War service and 89,824 on Spanish War service.

The work of the Pension Bureau was materially increased during the past year due to the passage of the \$40, age 75, Civil War widows' act. Congress also passed 3,596 special acts for the relief of soldiers and their dependents.

I am happy to say to you in encampment assembled here to-day that we have finished adjudicating the claims of the 75-year-old widows, and the last checks, according to the record, went out to them, in the number of 103,500, on the 8th day of September, in two months and a half after the law became effective. [Applause.]

In addition to its pension work the bureau adjudicates claims for all classes presented by the classified civil-service employees of the Government under the retirement act of July 3, 1926. This act, which amended the act of May 22, 1920, which created the classified civil retirement system, is the law under which claims for age and disability annuities are adjudicated. The civil service retirement and disability fund on June 30, 1928, amounted to approximately \$81,000,000. This fund is made up of deductions from the salaries of employees and interest earned from investment of such deductions. On July 1, 1928, a lump-sum appropriation of \$19,950,000 was contributed by the Government to the fund. In the past year \$26,303,423.90 was added to the fund and \$14,761,616.75 disbursed, receipts exceeding expenditures by \$11,541,807.15. The close of the year 1928 showed 15,383 annuitants on the roll. Of these 12,173 have been retired for age and 3,210 for disability. The new law provides that the maximum annuity shall not exceed \$1,000 per annum. The number receiving the maximum annuity is 3,301, and the sums paid as annuities are graduated from that figure downward until it is found that one person is receiving an annuity of only \$34.44. The average annual value of an annuity is \$733.40.



Of the 15,363 annuitants 13,362 have been employed as mechanics, 2,698 as city and village letter carriers, 2,452 as rural letter carriers, 1,355 as postal clerks, 1,191 as railway mail clerks, 3,311 as departmental clerks, 1,014 as laborers, and 158 as tropical service men. During the past year 2,620 annuitants were added to the roll and 1,356 names removed from the roll, of which 1,271 were on account of death. The amount of their deductions with interest was paid to 27,177 employees who had separated themselves from the service and were entitled under the law to the return of salary deductions. The amount thus paid was \$3,771,162.65. As employment in the Government service is now fairly well stabilized, the separations noted afford a fair reflex of the annual turnover in the number of civil-service employees.

The Department of the Interior desires you to know the laws under which relief is granted to soldiers and the dependent ones of the Civil War period.

The act of July 3, 1926, gave all honorably discharged soldiers of the Civil War period, regardless of their disabilities, who had 90 days' service and an honorable discharge from their service, a pension of \$65 per month, provided they were not inmates of a United States soldiers' home or a State soldiers' home, from the passage of the act. Now, your Commissioner of Pensions is not at all in sympathy with that provision that eliminates your pension incomes if you are an inmate of a United States or State soldiers' home. That is an interlineation I have put in this address.

The act of May 1, 1920, provides that each soldier of the Civil War period who had service of 90 days or more and an honorable discharge from all his services during said period, and who requires the regular aid and attendance of another person, a pension of \$72 per month. This pension was given the soldier subsequent to the passage of the act, and whenever it is shown by competent evidence that the soldier requires the regular aid and attendance of another person, and from the date from which said evidence shows the said soldier became in a condition requiring regular aid and attendance, subsequent to the passage of the act. This rate may be granted even though the soldier is an inmate of a United States soldiers' home or State soldiers' home.

The act of July 3, 1926, provides that a rate of \$90 per month may be granted to an honorably discharged soldier of the Civil War period from all his services whenever it is shown that the said soldier is totally helpless or blind, said rate to be granted whenever the evidence shows the soldier became totally helpless or blind and subsequent to the passage of said act. Note the language of the act: The soldier must be totally helpless or blind. The act does not say totally disabled but totally helpless or blind, and those words do not lend themselves to any particular interpretation; they mean just what they say, and the Department of the Interior and myself as Commissioner of Pensions have no discretion in the matter. In order for the rate to be granted the soldier must be shown to be totally helpless or must be shown to be blind; not partially totally helpless or partially blind.

We have considerable trouble in getting the persons acting for the soldier to understand that we do not make the law and that the Con-



gress has given us a yardstick by which we may grant the \$90 pension rate. In other words, we have no discretion; whenever the conditions are met and the evidence has been furnished satisfactory to the Bureau of Pensions, showing the soldier to be totally helpless, or showing the soldier to be totally blind, we grant the pension and not otherwise.

All widows of honorably discharged soldiers of the Civil War period who were married to their soldier husbands prior to June 27, 1905, regardless of age, are entitled to a pension at the rate of \$30 per month. This is granted them provided they are the legal widows of the said soldiers. We have many applications for pension from women who have, prior to the decease of their husbands, applied for and been granted a divorce from them, seriously contending that they are entitled to a pension because they were at one time the wife of the soldier. This is not the law. The woman must be his legal widow before she is entitled to any pension whatever.

The act of July 3, 1926, gives to those widows of Civil War soldiers a pension of \$50 per month provided they were married to their soldier husbands during the period of his service in the Civil War. It necessarily follows that the soldier may have been discharged on the 1st day of January, 1863, and married to his widow on the 2d day of January, 1863, during the period of the Civil War and yet not the period of the soldier's service in the Civil War, and therefore not entitled to a pension of \$50 per month. Of course, her soldier husband must have served 90 days and been honorably discharged from all his periods of service in the Civil War. The Bureau of Pensions has no discretion in this matter but must administer the law as it has been written.

The act of May 23, 1928 gives to those widows of Civil War soldiers who had 90 days' service and honorable discharge from all his enlistments during the Civil War, a pension of \$40 per month provided she was married to her soldier husband prior to June 27, 1905, and has arrived at the age of 75 years, the pension beginning to run at the rate of \$40 per month from the time she arrives at 75 years of age, or if 75 years of age at the passage of the act, from the 4th day of June, 1928. Now, I am not at all in sympathy with the 75-year provision.

The Bureau of Pensions has no discretion in the allowance of pensions to widows of soldiers when they are not qualified under the express provisions of the law passed by Congress and approved by the President of the United States, and there is no way whereby a widow of a Civil War soldier, married to her soldier husband subsequent to June 27, 1905, may receive a pension except it is shown that the soldier died as a direct result of a disease or an injury received in line of duty while in the service during the Civil War. At this late date it is practically an impossibility to show such a condition of fact. Of course, a special act of Congress may be granted, if Congress is willing, for the relief of the widow, but the Bureau of Pensions, Department of the Interior, has nothing whatever to do with the making or passage of laws.

Children of deceased Civil War veterans, otherwise qualified, under 16 years of age, are entitled to a pension at the rate of \$6 per month until said children arrive at the age of 16 years. A helpless child of



a Civil War veteran who was helpless at the time of the decease of the Civil War veteran and at that time under 16 years of age is entitled to a pension of \$6 per month as long as such helplessness continues; in other words, he or she is continued on the rolls as a helpless child. In the event the widow of the soldier who is the mother of the helpless child dies, then the widow's pension is continued to the helpless child during the period of his or her helplessness.

Dependent and indigent parents of Civil War veterans, otherwise qualified, are entitled to a pension of \$20 per month, either to the father or the mother if either or both be living. This is a far-fetched proposition at this late date, but there are still two mothers of Civil War veterans now on the roll as dependent mothers of veterans of the Civil War.

Many applications are made by soldiers who have received dishonorable discharges, or were in a state of desertion and the War Department records so show, for pension. The Bureau of Pensions can do nothing toward the relief of such soldiers until the charge of desertion is erased either by act of Congress or by order of the War Department. It is useless to write the Bureau of Pensions in regard to such matters. They first have to be taken up either with the War Department or the Congress. This condition extends to the widows or dependent minor or helpless children of the soldier.

Pensions heretofore granted under the general law, affecting veterans of the Civil War, their widows and dependents, are practically useless now in the face of the service acts that have since been passed for the protection or the relief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I have tried to give you all the law that is really beneficial to the Grand Army of the Republic, in this address, with the exception of the maimed soldiers' act, and there are so few beneficiaries under the maimed soldiers' act that I feel that it is unnecessary to go into it. All of those who were able to cover themselves in under this act are there already.

Under my administration of the Bureau of Pensions during the past three and one-half years, with the consent of the Department of the Interior, we have attempted to administer the laws so as to grant the greatest relief under those laws to the soldiers of the Civil War period; and where there has been a doubt as to the applicability of the laws to those soldiers, we have tried to resolve that doubt in favor of the soldier; believing that this is the spirit of the law, and that the soldiers of that period are entitled to the gratitude of the country, we would prefer to err on the side of the soldier or his dependents rather than on the side of the Government.

The relations between the Bureau of Pensions, Department of the Interior, and the Grand Army of the Republic during my administration have been most cordial. There has been little friction, if any, and none was needed if we understood each other. We have attempted to meet you in the spirit in which the laws were passed by Congress, with sympathy and understanding, believing that we knew your needs and your desires.

I take this manner of expressing to you, in the encampment assembled, my appreciation of your cooperation, and wish you many



more successful and happy encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. I move that this address be placed in the journal. This is a wonderful address. I want to testify myself to the many courtesies received at the hands of the Commissioner of Pensions in Washington. I might testify we have a friend in court in the Commissioner of Pensions at the present time. I think, if anything, he leans a little to the old comrades. I express the wish that he may live long, and long serve the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and their dependents as he has done in the past. I make a motion that this address be placed in our records.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, the motion is now that this communication which has been read to you be placed on our records. All in favor of this say "Aye." Contrary? Carried.

Chief of Staff GEORGE A. HOSLEY. Commander in Chief, the lady who preceded was the representative of the national president of the Spanish War Veterans. This is the president and children of the local Spanish War Veterans of Denver.

Mrs. ELIZABETH B. YOUNGBLOOD, Denver. As president of the General Henry W. Lawton Auxiliary and representing the auxiliary and camp of Denver, Colo., United Spanish War Veterans, I greet you. We welcome you to Denver. We hope you will enjoy your convention, and we hope to meet you often again. If any of you are in Denver next Saturday night you will be welcome to this United Spanish War Veterans' camp at 1430 Champa Street.

I have here with me the grandchildren of Civil War veterans and the children of a United Spanish War veteran. We are starting them in early to serve the veterans' organizations. We expect to make them as loyal to their country as you were. (Referring to a little girl and a little boy who presented the commander in chief with flowers.)

Commander in Chief HAWK. I will ask Past Commander in Chief King to respond.

Past Commander in Chief JOHN R. KING. You must excuse our commander in chief for his modesty. In behalf of the commander in chief I want to thank you for the presentation of these beautiful flowers and these lovely children. That is a nice way to bring them up. I thank you for this visit on behalf of this encampment.

Commander in Chief HAWK. I will call upon Past Commander in Chief Pilcher, chairman of the committee on memorial to Past Commander in Chief Tanner.

Past Commander in Chief Lewis S. Pilcher presented the report of the committee on memorial to Past Commander in Chief James Tanner, which memorial will be found at page 277 of this journal.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Unless there is some objection, the report of this committee will be placed on the records of the encampment.

The adjutant general has some announcements that he will make to you at this time.

Adjutant General WILLIAM H. NOLL. All the departments should furnish national headquarters the name of the comrade from each department who is to serve on the committee on resolutions, as well as the comrade who is chosen to serve on the national council of administration; and the following departments have not handed in their reports. We trust they will do so at once: Delaware, Montana, New Mexico, Rhode Island, and South Dakota.

Commander in Chief HAWK. The comrades will take notice and send in the names of their representatives.

Is Comrade Torrance, Past Commander in Chief Torrance, ready to report as chairman of the committee on memorial to our Past Commander in Chief Washington Gardner, deceased?

Past Commander in Chief ELL TORRANCE. I am prepared to make the report, and I have asked Past Commander in Chief Willett to read it, as my eyes will not enable me to do it. He is a member of the committee.

Past Commander in Chief James W. Willett then read the memorial to Past Commander in Chief Washington Gardner, which memorial will be found at page 282 of this journal.

Commander in Chief HAWK. The report of this committee on memorial to Washington Gardner will be placed on the records of this encampment. Now, comrades, we have heard the reports on these two past commanders in chief who have passed away. We have done all for them that we can.

We are now waiting for a quartet from the Daughters of Veterans, which is in the wings. Here they come. This is the Betsey Ross Quartet, from Tent No. 22, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, McKinley Post, No. 25, Canton, Ohio.

The quartet sang *There's None Can Hold a Candle to the Old Grand Army Boys*, and responded to an encore with *Army Beans*.

Comrade CHARLES W. BLODGETT, of Ohio. They belong to the Ohio Department. We have adopted them as part of the department. They can sing like angels and fight for their comrades like the fellow I won't name.

Chief of Staff GEORGE A. HOSLEY. They will be at the camp fire to-night, if you come here.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, I will name Past Commander in Chief Pilcher as temporary chairman of the committee on resolutions, and ask all comrades who have resolutions to hand them in here. He will announce the time of the meeting of that committee.

Past Commander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. Commander in Chief, I thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me. It will first be necessary for the list of delegates from each department that have been named for the committee on resolutions to be read and their appointment as such committee confirmed by the house. That must be done first.

Commander in Chief HAWK. The adjutant general will please read the list of names handed in by the different departments.

Assistant Adjutant General John J. Steadman read the following names as reported by the several departments up to that time:



*Committee on resolutions*

Department	Name	Address
Alabama	Henry M. Austin	Birmingham.
Arkansas	W. B. Brown	Bauxite.
California and Nevada	R. C. Martin	Los Angeles.
Colorado and Wyoming	Halsey M. Rhoads	Denver.
Connecticut	Henry J. Seeley	Bridgeport.
Delaware	(No report)	
Florida	D. S. Hunter	Miami.
Georgia and South Carolina	J. W. Howder	Fitzgerald, Ga.
Idaho	James W. Shields	Boise.
Illinois	Charles T. Marsh	Rockford.
Indiana	John H. Hoffman	Ligonier.
Iowa	James W. Willett	Tama.
Kansas	Patrick H. Coney	Topeka.
Kentucky	T. A. Casey	Dayton.
Louisiana and Mississippi	John Ayers	Summit, Miss.
Maine	C. E. Nason	Portland.
Maryland	John R. King	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Edwin J. Foster	Worcester.
Michigan	Albert C. Estabrook	Allegan.
Minnesota	Samuel R. Van Sant	Minneapolis.
Missouri	John W. Lanley	St. Louis.
Montana <sup>1</sup>	(No report)	
Nebraska	Thomas J. Smith	McCook.
New Hampshire	Joseph Willis	Woodsville.
New Jersey	Frank O. Cole	Jersey City.
New Mexico	(No report)	
New York	Lewis S. Pilcher	Brooklyn.
North Dakota	Charles P. Stearns	Valley City.
Ohio	C. W. Blodgett	Cincinnati.
Oklahoma	F. E. Hills	Enid.
Oregon	George Knieriem	Corbett.
Pennsylvania	L. F. Arensberg	East Millsboro.
Potomac	Geo. H. Kunsman	Washington.
Rhode Island <sup>2</sup>	(No report)	
South Dakota	John E. Davis	Lennox.
Tennessee	(Not represented in encampment).	
Texas	John Shearer	Houston.
Utah	Wm. H. Otterback	Provo
Vermont	D. L. Morgan	Rutland.
Virginia and North Carolina	Chas. Grandy	Norfolk.
Washington and Alaska	Willis Richardson	Bellingham.
West Virginia	H. S. White	Matewan.
Wisconsin	John H. Hellweg	Hayward.

<sup>1</sup> The name of James R. Goss, Billings, was later reported.<sup>2</sup> The name of Chas. H. Bullock, East Providence, was afterwards reported.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. Mr. Commander in Chief, I move that these various nominations now submitted be approved by the encampment, and that the comrades named be constituted the committee on resolutions.

(Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, you have heard the motion of Comrade Pilcher, that the names just read constitute the committee on resolutions. All in favor of the motion will say "Aye"; contrary, "No." The ayes have it, and so ordered.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. I would announce that we will have a meeting of the committee in the headquarters room at

the Brown Palace Hotel at 8 o'clock this evening and that all who have resolutions which they wish considered by the committee will please hand them to their respective members from their department—the respective representatives from their department—and they will be considered at this meeting and reported to-morrow morning.

Commander in Chief HAWK. I will say, comrades, if the chairman of any other committee wishes to make an announcement of the meeting of his committee, I will hear that at this time. If not, if there is no further business, comrades, I suggest, if there is no objection, that we take a recess until to-morrow morning at 9.30, if it is satisfactory to the comrades. So be it—9.30 to-morrow morning.

(Whereupon, at 4.45 o'clock p. m., the national encampment took a recess until 9.30 o'clock to-morrow morning.)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1928

MORNING SESSION, 9.42 A. M.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, be seated as soon as you can. I want to say, before we begin the exercises, that any comrade speaking from the body of the house will first please give his name and the department from which he comes.

The chaplain in chief will invoke the divine blessing this morning.

Chaplain in Chief J. KING GIBSON. Almighty God, we thank Thee for Thy sovereign care and protection, in that Thou didst lead us in the days that were shadowed with trouble, and gavest us strength when the burden was heavy upon us, and gavest us courage and guidance, so that after the conflict we have come to these days of peace. We thank Thee that the wrath of war has been stilled; that brother no longer strives against brother; that once again we have one country and one flag.

May Thy blessing be upon us as a people, that we may be Thy people, true and righteous in all our ways, tender and patient in our charity, though resolute for the right; careful more for the down-trodden than ourselves, eager to forward the interest of every citizen throughout the land, so that our country may be indeed one country from the rivers to the sea, from the mountains to the plains.

We pray Thee to make our memories steadfast, that we may never forget the generous sacrifices made for our country. May our dead be enshrined in our hearts; may their graves be the altars of our grateful and reverential patriotism.

Hear us, O our God. We ask it in the name of Him who made proof of the dignity and who consecrated the power of sacrifice in His blessed life and death, even in the name of Jesus Christ, the great Captain of our salvation. Amen.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, in appointing the committees yesterday I omitted one, the committee on the report of the committee on legislation. I appointed that committee last night and they will report. The committee is Past Commander in Chief Walsh, of Wisconsin; Past Junior Vice Commander in Chief Towler, of Minnesota; and Past Adjutant General Frank O. Cole, of New Jersey.



Now, if there is nothing else, we have many greetings sent to us, and I think it is proper for us this morning to receive greetings from the other organizations that have been sent here. The assistant adjutant general will please read those greetings.

Before that is done I recognize Judge Willett, Past Commander in Chief Willett.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. I desire to call the attention of the encampment to a situation concerning what is known as the John N. Stewart case, from Illinois. During the current administration the judge advocate general has been called upon for an opinion as regards the status of the comrade, and that opinion may be found commencing at the bottom of page 36 of the report or address of the commander in chief. (See page 156 of this Journal.)

I have been appointed chairman of the committee on the report of the commander in chief in so far as the report of the officers of this administration is concerned which covers this case, and the committee can not make a report in harmony with the appointment without first submitting to you the situation as regards the Stewart case.

Comrade Stewart appeared with his counsel before a part of our committee last night, and he desired through counsel to file exceptions to the decision of the judge advocate.

Now, then, it has passed the jurisdiction of the commander in chief and is not before the committee to grant an extension and, I feel, representing the committee, that in order that this much-discussed case should be thoroughly examined, that an opportunity be given to counsel for Comrade Stewart to file exceptions, with a brief; and only at this stage of the proceedings can an extension be granted except by the national encampment. Therefore we submit the matter to you.

Commander in Chief, I move that as regards the Stewart case that a continuance be granted for further argument and exceptions to the decision of the judge advocate, and that time be extended to the appellant—that is what he is—for 60 days to file such written exceptions, with a brief of the record and authorities—if I can get a second.

(Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief HAWK. Do I hear a second?

Comrade O. C. BELL, of Nebraska. I second the motion.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. I don't believe that that method of procedure is legal. We have before us the report of the judge advocate general. That report must either be approved or disapproved. As I understand this Stewart case, he was court-martialed; the finding of the court was approved by the department commander and by the commander in chief. He appealed to the national encampment and the national encampment reversed the entire proceeding. Now, when the national encampment reversed those proceedings it placed the comrade back as though no charges had ever been made against him. Therefore, any honors which belonged to that comrade prior to the time he was court-martialed were his property after the court-martial had been dissolved and dissipated, and the national encampment declared that there had practically been no trial.

Now, as I understand the case, the judge advocate general in his finding says that Comrade Stewart has been restored to membership

as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, but the honors which he had attained prior to the court-martial he is now deprived of. That, to me, does not seem good law, and this encampment has got to approve or disapprove that section of the judge advocate general's opinion.

Therefore, to bring the matter before the encampment, I move you, sir, that the opinion of the judge advocate general, in depriving Comrade Stewart of his honors, shall be reversed and Comrade Stewart shall be restored to membership with all the honors belonging to the office which he then held.

Comrade PATRICK H. CONEY, of Kansas. I desire to second the motion of Comrade Cole. He has stated the facts.

Comrade SILAS H. TOWLER, of Minnesota. I raise the point of order that Comrade Cole's motion is out of order, because there is a motion before the house.

Commander in Chief HAWK. The chair was in doubt as to whether the motion of Past Commander in Chief Willett was seconded.

Chief of Staff GEORGE A. HOSLEY. Yes; it was.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Therefore we would have to recognize and declare the motion of the comrade there [Comrade Cole] out of order for the present. We are now upon the motion made by Comrade Willett, which was duly seconded.

Comrade COLE. I rise to a question of information. If this matter is delayed for 60 days, who is to determine the findings? I ask for that information.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Whatever authority——

Commander in Chief HAWK. It would seem that the incoming commander in chief——

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Whatever authority the encampment sees fit. I want to be heard in the conclusion of the argument on this proposition.

Commander in Chief HAWK. You will confine yourselves to the question, comrades. [Calls for the question.]

Comrade COLE. I think we ought to understand the question upon which we are called to vote. If this matter is delayed for 60 days, who is to determine whether the opinion of the judge advocate general is in conformance with the law or not? I ask you that, Judge Willett.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Whatever authority is raised by either the encampment here or the incoming administration.

Comrade COLE. Then I understand you propose that this question as to the legality of the action shall be referred to the incoming commander in chief and his council?

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. That is a matter later than the question of the continuance.

Comrade COLE. It would seem to me that the motion of Comrade Willett should carry that part with it, that the matter should be referred to the commander in chief with power to change the opinion of the judge advocate general or approve it. Judge Willett's motion is that the matter be referred for 60 days. Now, after 60 days, who is to determine?

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Why, the commander in chief or whatever authority he raises.

Comrade COLE. So state it.



Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. I don't have to.

Comrade COLE. Put it in your resolution.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. I will accept it, however. Now, I would like to be heard in response to this argument.

I want to call attention to the fact that one of the comrades over here that talked and seconded that motion is counsel for Comrade Stewart (referring to Comrade Coney). This committee is, in the interest of fairness, suggesting this opportunity to them to file exceptions and a brief. And that is what the comrade is entitled to, and no more, unless by the voice of this national encampment you undertake to put it over without an examination of the record. You may do that if you wish, but as chairman of the committee I do not think it would be either fair to the comrade or to the national encampment.

Now, I am asking that this matter may be placed of record in our history so that at this time it may be finally disposed of after giving the appellant an opportunity to file his exceptions and to file his brief of the record which Comrade Cole has misstated unwittingly. The very question that there is in this case from the record will be whether the comrade is reinstated with honors or without, and without an examination of the record I will not undertake to say; and I am asking the encampment in fairness to everybody that they be given an opportunity—not to crowd this to a vote that may be uncertain of result, but have an entire record upon the final determination of the case. And it is up to you to determine that, and not me.

Comrade COLE. I want to withdraw any objection which I made toward Comrade Willett's motion, which is now pending before the house.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Objection is withdrawn. Put the motion.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Now, comrades, you have heard the motion made by Past Commander in Chief Willett regarding this case. We think you all, from the argument, understand it. Now, all that are in favor of the motion as made by Comrade Willett will say "Aye." And those opposed will say "No." The ayes seem to have it. The ayes have it, and it is so ordered.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Commander in Chief, the Stewart case having been disposed of, the committee to whom was referred the several reports that have been made to the commander in chief that are referred to in his address, recommend that the items, all and singular, other than the Stewart case, as it is now disposed of, be approved.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Do I hear a second? [Motion seconded.] Comrades, it is moved and seconded that the reports of officers other than the commander in chief, with the exceptions noted in the Stewart case, be approved. All that are in favor of the motion will say "Aye." Contrary, "No." The ayes have it, and it is carried.

We will now hear the report of the committee on the address of the commander in chief.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Calvin A. Brainard assumed the chair, and Past Commander in Chief Lewis S. Pilcher read the report of the committee, as follows:

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ADDRESS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

The committee to whom was referred the address of the commander in chief respectfully report that they have carefully examined this address; they find it marked by a spirit of deep loyalty and earnest devotion to the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic, and to the flag of the Union for which that army fought. This loyalty has been evidenced by the ready service which has been displayed by Commander in Chief Hawk in every act of his administration. We find nothing to criticise in this report of the activities which have engaged his attention during the year.

The matter of pensions has been the focus of the greatest special efforts of the year. It is evident that in the matter of pensions the commander in chief has faithfully carried out the will and the express instructions of the encampment by which he was elected, and that he is entitled to the thanks of the veterans of the Grand Army for his efforts in behalf of the widows left by deceased comrades, and to their congratulations for the degree of success which attended the efforts of himself and of his committee on legislation in this matter.

We recommend that the address of the commander in chief in all things be approved, and that this encampment at this time express its appreciation of the able manner in which the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic have been cared for during his administration.

LEWIS S. PILCHER.  
L. F. ARENSBERG.  
W. F. HENRY.  
EDWARD T. ABBOTT.  
O. H. OLDROYD.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. I move the adoption of the report by a rising vote.

(Motion seconded.)

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BRAINARD. Comrades, you have heard the motion. All in favor manifest it by saying "Aye." Contrary? The motion is by rising vote.

(The delegates all rise.)

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. Fine! Wonderful! Thank you, comrades.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BRAINARD. The motion is carried unanimously, and so declared.

Commander in Chief HAWK (resuming the chair). My comrades, I want to say to you now, at this time, this is most gratifying to me. I have given all that is in me during the present year. I promised nothing more than I could accomplish, and for myself my whole thought has been for the comrades and for what I could do for them and their dependent ones, and if it meets with your approbation surely I am well satisfied. It seems to be most universal this morning.

Any other reports of committees ready?

Past Commander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. We are ready for the committee on resolutions, their report. Comrade Cole.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrade Moulton, of the Potomac, wants to say a word while we are waiting for Comrade Cole.

Comrade HOSEA B. MOULTON, of the Potomac. Mr. Commander, in the matter of the introduction of the Logan tablet in the amphitheater at Washington, I want to say that the work is in the hands of the committee. They have been laboring industriously and have met with some opposition. That is, the Commission of Fine Arts thinks a stone should be placed in that tablet costing \$3,500, whereas we have but \$1,000. But Senator Deneen, who is chairman of the committee, with the commander in chief and others, declares it shall go



across. I want to report that that is the condition and ask that the committee be continued.

Another thing: In the matter of the Lee Mansion in Arlington Cemetery, I want to say that two of the members of that committee died—Senator Willis, of Ohio, and Senator Rockwood, of Illinois. Two have been substituted by the committee—Senator Dale, of Vermont, and another member, I don't recall the name at this moment. I ask that the committee be continued. I know that there is no objection. I just ask that the committee be continued.

Commander in Chief HAWK. If there is no objection, the request of the comrade will be complied with and the committees will be continued.

The committee on resolutions ready to report? Comrade Pilcher.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Past Commander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. Mr. Commander in Chief and comrades of the encampment, your committee had its session last night—there was a full attendance—and its session throughout was marked by an extraordinary degree of harmony and of good will. In all the experience which many of us have had in such work there never has been a time when our hearts seemed to be more deeply touched by the spirit of good fellowship and earnest devotion to the interests of the Grand Army than they were during that hour that we were together last evening.

We are now ready to present to you our report. I will ask the secretary to give you each in detail. Will Comrade Cole, who acted as our secretary, now present the various resolutions and the action taken thereupon? Comrade Cole.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE of New Jersey. Comrade Pilcher says, "You are a megaphone yourself; you don't need any microphone." [Reading:]

Whereas Comrade John M. Snyder, past department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, department of Illinois, of Canton, Ill., is now the only survivor of the original organizers of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is physically unable to be with us to-day: Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That this, the Sixty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic telegraph our greetings to him at Canton, Ill., for the noble work that he did over 60 years ago in organizing the grandest patriotic order ever founded in the United States or any other country.

We ask the approval of this resolution directing the adjutant general to send such telegram.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. Mr. Commander, inasmuch as this is a matter of peculiar and special interest, I ask that the order which has been observed in the past to take no specific action upon any individual resolution be overlooked and we as a body now join in this resolution of sympathy to the only remaining survivor of the band who organized the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, you have heard the motion as stated by my comrade, Pilcher. All that are in favor say "Aye." Contrary, "No." The ayes have it unanimously, and so ordered.

Comrade COLE. The National Government has provided several national parks at Gettysburg, at Vicksburg, and at divers other places. This resolution asks that Congress shall continue to set aside

battle fields for national parks, and improving them in addition. The committee recommend its adoption.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. There needs to be no special action on this. There being no objection, it is adopted.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, it is suggested there being no objection, this resolution is adopted.

Following is the resolution:

Resolutions by the Sixty-second National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, approving the action of Congress in establishing national memorial parks on the fields of the more important battles of the War of the Revolution and of the Civil War, thus preserving for the interest and education of present and future generations the locations of these engagements, and providing for the marking of the same by suitable memorial tablets and monuments to the valor of the American soldier.

That the existence of these battle-field parks is approved by the citizens of this Republic, is evidenced by the millions who annually visit them: Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Sixty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic approves and commends the Congress of these United States for the support and encouragement which it has given to this great work, and asks for a generous appropriation for its completion while a considerable number of the veterans of the Civil War are still living to participate in the work and to enjoy the results of the same.

Comrade COLE. A resolution submitted that in all cases where the Grand Army requires assistance in the exercises of Memorial Day, it shall be delegated to the Sons of Veterans. The committee make this recommendation:

In all cities or other localities where there is a camp of Sons of Veterans it is recommended that the Sons be given charge of the service.

The committee recommend its adoption.

Comrade CHARLES H. HASKINS. of California and Nevada. I don't see why everything should be delegated to the Sons of Veterans.

Comrade COLE. It is not. It is left optional.

Comrade HASKINS. I take it all back. I beg your pardon.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, if there is no objection this will be considered as approved by the encampment.

Comrade COLE. A resolution in opposition to the meeting of the Blue and the Gray. The committee laid the matter on the table. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, the decision of the committee seems to meet with your approval.

Comrade COLE. A resolution asking the approval of the encampment for Congress to build a memorial hall to hold everything pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic. We laid it on the table.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, you have heard that this resolution was laid on the table.

Comrade COLE. A resolution asking the Grand Army of the Republic to approve a bill in Congress making a national park at Appomattox testifying to the valor, the heroism, and the courage of the Confederate and Federal soldiers. We laid it on the table. [Applause and laughter.]

Commander in Chief HAWK. If no objection, it is so ordered.

Comrade COLE. A movement is on foot in the State of Maryland to erect at Glen Echo a monument to Clara Barton. The committee



recommend that this encampment approve such action and commend it to the good will of the people of the United States.

Commander in Chief HAWK. The recommendation is so ordered, unless there is some objection. A comrade here wants to know what that resolution is.

Comrade COLE. A movement is on foot to erect a monument at a point in Maryland to the memory of Clara Barton. They do not ask us for any assistance; they simply ask us for our approval, and God knows there is no Grand Army man but what has a warm spot in his heart for Clara Barton.

Following is the resolution:

In view of the fact that an effort is being made to erect a suitable memorial at Glen Echo, State of Maryland, in honor of that celebrated, patriotic, Christian woman, Miss Clara Barton, now deceased, whose great work and patriotic services in relieving the sufferings and distress of the Union veterans of the Civil War, and in establishing and carrying on the work of the Red Cross for years in this and other lands, and which said work and sacrifices entitle her to the highest commendation:

Therefore this national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in the city of Denver, in the State of Colorado, this 20th day of September, A. D. 1928, most heartily indorses said movement and commends it to the favorable consideration of all loyal and patriotic people.

Comrade COLE. A resolution protesting against ill-advised language which is being disseminated throughout the country asking our Government to practically muster out the Army and destroy the Navy. The committee are of the opinion that a navy and an army are necessary for the well-being of the United States, and therefore join with this resolution and protest against the action of the pacifists.

Following is the resolution:

Whereas there is a propaganda against keeping our Navy and Army to a strength that will be only sufficient for police service; and

Whereas advantages are being assumed in some of our churches and colleges and high schools to create a sentiment against military training:

*Resolved, therefore,* That we protest against such propaganda and assumption for the following reasons:

First. We need a sufficient navy to protect our interests as a nation in our colonial possessions and the homeland.

Second. We believe the training received at Annapolis and West Point and other similar institutions is of great advantage to the individual and the Nation.

Third. History has proven that we need preparation not for war but for peace, and that it will cost less to have a reserve of officers both for Army and Navy than to dwell in assumed security because of our strength physically and resources not utilized but in nonorganization.

Fourth. This has always been a nation for peace. We have never declared war against any nation except for humanity and protection.

Fifth. We notice that some of our college presidents who declare for a new patriotism—whatever that may be—relied on the practical patriotism of our citizens during the World War that sent them to the front whilst they remained at home. It comes with poor grace from this contingent of our citizens to seek the lowering of our military strength.

Comrade COLE. A poor unfortunate man committed murder several years ago and was committed to prison. He has been such an exemplary prisoner that the authorities allowed him to come to this encampment on parole. This is a petition from one of the auxiliary organizations asking us to petition the Governor of Indiana for his pardon. The committee concluded that they could not act upon a

matter of such grave importance without they had the evidence before it. Therefore they move to lay it on the table.

Here is a proposition for the Government to pay the fare of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic to the national encampment. We laid it on the table.

There is a bill pending in Congress that the Government of the United States shall erect headstones over the graves of Confederate soldiers. The committee considered this matter very seriously and they passed this resolution:

We protest against the Government erecting headstones over Confederate graves unless the deceased is buried in a National Cemetery.

And they approved the resolution as I have read it. [Applause.]

The committee carefully considered the pension question and unanimously indorsed the recommendation of the commander in chief on pensions, but ask that the Congress be requested not to place in any pension bill relating to the pension of the widow of a Civil War veteran any reference to age or date of marriage.

A COMRADE. Read that over.

(Comrade Cole reread the resolution on pensions.)

Comrade COLE. Now, comrades, I want to explain. It appears that in the matter of the pensions of all other survivors of other wars there is no reference to 1905 or 1915.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. Don't take up the time with that.

Comrade COLE. You understand the situation. The committee recommend that there shall be no limit to the age of a woman or date of her marriage.

Past Commander in Chief JOHN R. KING. In connection with that resolution it must be understood that this age requirement is not for the future, but we want it eliminated from the present law—those limitations which require that the widow shall have been the wife of the soldier while he was in service when, as a matter of fact, you all know that 75 per cent of us were not old enough to marry.

Past Commander in Chief ELL TORRANCE. Commander in Chief and comrades, I can not agree to the recommendation made by the committee with regard to the pensioning of widows of soldiers. The widows have waited a long, long time, and they are white haired and bent with age. They have received scanty consideration by this great Government, and they have not received from the brave men who held the ridge at Gettysburg and scaled Lookout Mountain the courteous consideration that they deserved or that should have been granted them.

Now, if this amendment of the committee, that all limitation with regard to age and the time of marriage be eliminated, is adopted, then the question is all opened up and the widows will get nothing. Why? By our action in bringing forward a few thousand widows of a later generation, we do not appeal to the American people or to the American Congress. The war-time widows, we will call them, deserve more consideration than the peace-time widows. And so I object to that, and I want to go on record as opposed to everything in regard to pension matters that will in any way interfere with the prompt and certain increase of widows' pensions from \$40 to \$50 a month.



If my vote is the only one cast against it, I want it recorded. I want you to know how I stand on this matter. I stand here in defense of the old gray-haired widows whose husbands are sleeping their last sleep.

Comrade H. I. MERRILL, of Kansas. I want to ask if the resolution there on pensions was not adopted. If not, I make a motion that it now be adopted by a rising vote.

Comrade COLE. He moves that the resolution on pensions be adopted by a rising vote. Give it to him.

Commander in Chief HAWK. The department commander of Kansas moves that the recommendation of the committee as to pensions be adopted by a rising vote.

Comrade O. H. MENNET, of California and Nevada. I will say that this resolution is out of order and it is improper. It will never carry in the world. It is no use to go before Congress without a limitation of marriage. We have got to have a limitation of marriage to get anywhere, and you can't get another pension of any kind unless you place a limitation in the marriage date. There are only a few to be benefited by this resolution, and it will destroy any possibility of your getting anything for our older people. [Calls for the question.]

Commander in Chief HAWK. All in favor of the motion as stated will rise. [Applause.] Those opposed to the motion will stand. It is carried.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. Now, Commander in Chief, in concluding this part of our morning's work, I move that the action of the committee as a whole—that the report of the committee as a whole—be adopted by the encampment.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, you have heard the motion, that all the resolutions as passed by the encampment be adopted as a whole. All in favor say "Aye." Contrary. Carried.

Comrade COLE (reading):

The thanks of this encampment are tendered to the authorities of the State of Colorado and the city of Denver, the men, women, and children of the city of Denver, to the street-car companies, and to the Boy Scouts for the splendid manner in which they have entertained us. Here in sight of the Rocky Mountains we find an American city whose people have not forgotten the war that preserved the Union, who are well aware that we in our old age, who offered all we possessed for our beloved country, are remembered with love and gratitude and will preserve with affection our services while memory lasts.

I move its adoption by a rising vote.

(Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief HAWK. All that are in favor of the motion will say "Aye."

A COMRADE. The police in there?

Another COMRADE. The Boy Scouts?

Comrade COLE. The authorities. If you put in the police, put in the fire department.

Commander in Chief HAWK. The motion is carried.

Chief of Staff GEORGE A. HOSLEY. The motion is for a rising vote.

Comrade WILLIAM PATTON GRIFFITH, of New York. I move that the press be included, the newspapers.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. That is all right.

Commander in Chief HAWK. The committee accepts the amendment that the press be included. Now, all that are in favor of this motion of approval will please stand. A rising vote.

(Unanimously carried.)

Past Commander in Chief LOUIS F. ARENSBERG. I wish to offer the following:

DAVID J. PALMER,  
GAYLORD M. SALTZGABER,  
JOHN B. INMAN:

This encampment greatly misses your presence which for so many years has unfailingly aided in the efficient conduct of the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We send to you our loving greetings and sincere sympathy in these days of weakness and disability.

I offer that and make a motion that a telegram or letter be sent to these comrades expressing the sentiments of this encampment.

(Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, you have heard the motion made by Past Commander in Chief Arensberg in reference to Past Commanders in Chief David J. Palmer, Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, and John B. Inman, who are unable to be present. All in favor of sending a telegram expressing our sympathy will say "Aye." Contrary, "No." The ayes have it.

We have a lot of greetings here which will be read to you by the assistant adjutant general.

Assistant Adjutant General STEADMAN. We have on the table a number of greetings from the following organizations, to wit: Philippine Veterans, Women's National Service Star Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Trustees of the Soldiers' Home, Spanish War Veterans, Indian War Veterans. Do you desire any of these greetings read? [Cries of "No."]

The adjutant general suggests that these two especially be read:

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 19, 1928.

ELBRIDGE L. HAWK.

*Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.*

*Denver, Colo.:*

Greetings to the encampment and request and strongly urge a resolution indorsing the Clara Barton Memorial Association, of which Gen. John L. Clem is president, John Joy Edson treasurer, and we are members, be passed by this encampment. The purpose is to place in Washington City a fitting memorial to her. With best wishes to all.

KATHERINE LIVINGSTON EAGAN,

*Widow of Commander Dennis Eagan, O. M. Mitchell Post,  
District of Florida, Jacksonville.*

MARY LOGAN TUCKER,

*National President of the Dames of the Loyal Legion.*

Now, here is another one that they desire read:

COMMANDER IN CHIEF,

*Grand Army of the Republic, Denver, Colo.:*

Lincoln Memorial Institute sends a petition respectfully requesting pledge of your moral and if possible financial support to help carry out a request made by Lincoln in 1863, and Gen. O. O. Howard, namely, that educational advantages be given to boys and girls of his mountain home. Request you name delegates to attend Gettysburg Day celebration at Gettysburg November 19 when national drive will open in our ten million campaign for Lincoln Memorial University as a living memorial to our martyred President. Any publicity you may give this request will be deeply appreciated. Further re-



quest your acceptance on our national committee which hopes to have entire fund subscribed or pledged by Lincoln's own birthday, February 12. Further ask that your encampment name Grand Army of the Republic chairman to act on our State committee. Kindly reply.

Dr. JOHN WESLEY HILL,  
*Chancellor Lincoln Memorial University,*  
*Hotel Lincoln, New York City.*

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, this first telegram that was read relative to the Clara Barton Memorial was considered by the committee on resolutions and has been reported upon. I would suggest that the last that was read be referred to the committee on resolutions for their further action. We will pass it to the chairman of the committee, I think.

Comrade Blodgett would like to say a word.

Comrade CHARLES W. BLODGETT, of Ohio. Before I commence what I wish to say, without appearing to be invidious, I do want this magnificent encampment to thank that splendid woman who has given weeks and who was the chairman of the committee on transportation, Dr. Mary M. McDonald. It is not an invidious comparison. I move that we thank her for her splendid services, if I can get a second.

(Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, I don't know whether that was included in the other recommendations that were made or not. If not, most of you have come in contact with her. She has been on duty both day and night, I believe, and we are all glad to do that. All in favor of the motion as made by Comrade Blodgett will say "Aye." Contrary "No." The ayes have it. There she is up there [indicating]. Stand up. [Applause.]

Comrade BLODGETT. Mr. Commander, I rise to a question of privilege and will take but a moment. I happen to be on the committee for the preservation and replacement of the birthplace of General Grant at Point Pleasant as it was, and better than it was after he was born. I report to you to-day that we have never asked a single post for a dollar. We have bought all the property around there and we have paid for it. Part of it has come from the State of Ohio and part of it from the citizens of Cincinnati, and part of it from some benevolent gentlemen who would not want their names mentioned.

What I desire to say to you is this: It is on the Atlantic and Pacific Highway. There will be from 300 to 500 autos passing there every day. We will put a man in charge of it. I make this request on the part of the committee, that if any of you have anything that relates to General Grant or if any of you have any military books or any other kind of books that bear upon the war, if you will send them to me with your name in, they will be placed in that cottage as it was exactly—an exact replica of it. But please don't, don't, don't send them for me to pay the express. I have paid enough.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, there was just handed to me a communication directed to the national adjutant of the Grand Army of the Republic. It states here:

Some 67 years ago Ulysses S. Grant took command of a regiment of untrained soldiers at Mattoon, Ill., his first command of the great Civil War.

The community has just completed a beautiful new hotel and given it the name of this famous soldier and statesman.

Out of consideration for you men of the Grand Army of the Republic who assisted General Grant in making history, the citizens of Mattoon, and the management of the Hotel U. S. Grant, extend to the Grand Army of the Republic a cordial invitation to be their guests at a complimentary luncheon at 12 noon, Friday, September 28, 1928.

Signed by the committee on arrangements. Now, it is expected that you will all accept that invitation. If you don't, you will lose a good luncheon.

Is there anything else? If not, it is suggested to me that we might consider the place of next meeting.

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. I suggest that we consider the place of meeting.

Commander in Chief HAWK. It is suggested that we consider the place of meeting of this national encampment for the year 1929. We would like to hear invitations now.

Comrade D. C. ZIMMERMAN, of Illinois. How will this vote be taken?

Comrade CHARLES E. NASON, of Maine. Wait till we come to a vote. Commander in Chief, I come before you to present an invitation to the Grand Army of the Republic to hold their next encampment in the city of Portland, Me. [Applause.] And in backing that invitation I will ask the clerk to read the following communications, as I am not able to see to read them:

Assistant Adjutant General Steadman then read the following communications:

STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURAL LEAGUE,  
Portland, Me., September 13, 1928.

*To the Maine Delegates Attending the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Denver:*

The Maine State Chamber of Commerce is greatly interested in your endeavor to secure for Maine the next national Grand Army of the Republic encampment.

Portland, Maine's largest city, is especially well fitted to entertain the large gathering of delegates that the Grand Army of the Republic national encampment is sure to attract. Its city hall has a spacious auditorium containing one of the best municipal organs in existence. The hotels are well supplied with assembly rooms and committee rooms.

Three years ago the national convention of the Business and Professional Women's Clubs was held in this city with a total attendance of approximately 3,000. Two years ago the sessions of the National Grange brought to Portland 7,000 members of that organization and ample accommodations for them were furnished.

The State Chamber of Commerce, Portland Chamber of Commerce, the two Grand Army posts and their auxiliaries, and the six service clubs of Portland will loyally combine in a program of entertainment for the visiting veterans. Please use your utmost endeavor to secure for Maine this great encampment.

Very truly yours,

GEO. F. WEST, *President.*

Attest:

A. L. T. CUMMINGS, *Secretary.*

STATE OF MAINE,  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,  
Augusta, August 23, 1928.

The NATIONAL COMMANDER,

*Grand Army of the Republic.*

*Annual Encampment, Denver, Colo.*

DEAR SIR: The State of Maine would be profoundly honored to entertain the next annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. Maine each year acts as host to more than 1,000,000 visitors, but none would receive a



warmer welcome than you and your comrades, the memory of whose service is still treasured by the citizens of Maine.

The Maine delegation to the annual encampment will present this invitation in our behalf, but in offering it they will be fully authorized to speak for every citizen of Maine and to promise to you the warmest of welcomes to the most northeastern State and to the one that contributed, we like to think, its full quota, both in men and in courage, to the successful prosecution of the cause in which you and your comrades sacrificed so much.

Sincerely yours,

RALPH O. BREWSTER,  
*Governor of Maine.*

Comrade NASON. In addition to what has been read to you, I have the pledge from every hotel manager in the city of Portland, and we offer you over 4,000 rooms in our hotels and 4,000 more that are available. Not one cent will be made in the prices for your entertainment over the regular rates.

I also have a pledge, which was not included here, that the entertainment furnished by the city to the Grand Army of the Republic shall be as cordial and as warm as that which was given to you 43 years ago when you met in Portland.

You met in Portland in 1885. Perhaps there is some comrade here to-day who attended that encampment. If there is, I believe he will tell you that in no encampment since that time, or before, if you please, has the Grand Army met with a more cordial, warm-hearted, and whole-hearted greeting than they met in Portland, Me. Portland, Me., then had about one-tenth of the hotel accommodations that it has to-day. We have a city hall which will accommodate 5,000 people, which is at your service. We have a city auditorium which will accommodate 8,000 people, which is at your service. We have the chamber of commerce, which will accommodate 4,000 people, which is at your service. We have 12 halls, any one of which is large enough and suitable, and centrally located, to accommodate any of our affiliated organizations, which are at your service.

We ask you to come and meet with us next year, and if you do so you will do a favor not alone to yourselves but the time has arrived when we should consider the desires and wishes of our allied bodies. We, perhaps, have seen all of the world that we care to see, but the younger generation, on whom we depend to carry on our work here, still desires to go to places they have not been, and there is no place on this continent more attractive to the tourist and the visitor than the city of Portland. Thanking you for your attention.

Commander in Chief HAWK. I will call upon the senior vice commander in chief to take the chair while with my modesty I will present the claims of the city from which I come, and ask that the assistant adjutant general please read the invitations that have reached us here. Then I will make a few remarks pertaining thereto.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Calvin A. Brainard assumed the chair.

Assistant Adjutant General JOHN J. STEADMAN. My comrades, I have here on this list invitations from the Governor of California, the mayor of Sacramento, the chamber of commerce, the State Senate of California, the State Assembly of California, the manager of the convention bureau guaranteeing certain conditions, the United Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, United Veterans' Council, Exchange Club, Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, Lions Club, Tent No. 23, Daughters of Union Veterans of the

Civil War, and the Department of California and Nevada, Grand Army of the Republic.

It has been suggested that I read the telegram sent by the Bureau of Tourists and Conventions guaranteeing certain things.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF., *September 17, 1928.*

Capt. E. L. HAWK,

*Commander in Chief National Encampment*

*Grand Army of the Republic, Denver, Colo.:*

In line with many invitations you are receiving from Sacramento to bring the national encampment to this city, this bureau pledges you the financing of the encampment in the way of all rentals, printing, entertainment, etc. Our reputation for serving conventions is thoroughly established on the Pacific coast. We feel that no city in the United States produces a better convention service. It is our sincere hope that we will have opportunity of service to the national Grand Army of the Republic in 1929.

SACRAMENTO TOURIST AND CONVENTION BUREAU (INC.),  
ALBERT BETTENS, *Manager.*

That is all you think necessary to read?

Commander in Chief HAWK. I would read the invitation from the governor, and show them the seal of the State, and from the senate and assembly.

Assistant Adjutant General STEADMAN. All right. The commander in chief suggests that I read the letter from the Governor of the State of California, which is here under date of August 31, 1928:

Capt. ELBRIDGE L. HAWK,

*Grand Army of the Republic,*

*Sacramento, Calif.*

DEAR CAPTAIN HAWK: I understand that you are to take with you to the national Grand Army of the Republic encampment in Denver, Colo., an invitation from the Sixty-first Annual Encampment of California and Nevada that Sacramento be selected as the location for your 1929 national encampment.

As governor, I wish to indorse this invitation and to urge you to bring the national encampment to the Pacific coast in 1929.

Our climatic conditions are unexcelled and our hotel and other convention facilities the equal of any. Furthermore, California offers a fine opportunity for sight-seeing, which many members of your organization might enjoy either prior to or following your convention period. I am sure great mutual benefit will result from naming Sacramento your 1929 convention city.

Yours very sincerely,

C. C. YOUNG, *Governor.*

You want the senate and house invitations read?

Commander in Chief HAWK. Show them that.

Assistant Adjutant General STEADMAN. We have here an invitation from the Senate of the State of California, with the seal attached. We have here the same from the assembly, signed by the chief clerk of the assembly, with the seal attached thereto. Shall I read them or not? [Cries of "no."]

It is requested that I read the following:

SACRAMENTO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
*Sacramento, Calif., September 4, 1928.*

Capt. ELBRIDGE L. HAWK,

*Grand Army of the Republic,*

*Sacramento, Calif.*

DEAR CAPTAIN: Because we have been such splendid friends for many, many years, and because we rejoiced at the time you became national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and because you are going to Colorado to attend the national encampment for 1928, we are writing you this letter so that you may take this message from Sacramento to Colorado.



Through you, the chamber of commerce of this busy, active, growing city wants to extend to the Grand Army a cordial invitation to have its next encampment in this marvelous city.

You know, dear captain, that the city of Sacramento has everything that any other city in the world has to offer to you and to your boys of the Grand Army.

The first thing I would point out to you would be our unexampled memorial building, which we use exclusively as an auditorium and for conventions. It has no equal in America as a convention hall because it is the last word, and built within the last two years.

Then we have all classes of hotels, cafes, restaurants, amusement houses, magnificent picture palaces, parks, roads—miles and miles of them—in fact, everything that would make your men happy, contented, and satisfied we have here to offer.

You know Sacramento is situated in the heart of where gold was found by our forty-niner pioneers. It was here that General Sutter located his headquarters, and from these headquarters all the gold seekers left for the gold fields after they had bought their supplies from Sutter.

There are many ghost cities that tell of the past, and many other historical spots connected with the gold discovery that would prove of immense interest to our visitors.

We trust that you will exert your old vim and vitality that made you so prominent and so prosperous in the days that have gone by, and bring home the prize.

Sincerely your old friend,

GEO. W. PELTIER,

*President Sacramento Chamber of Commerce.*

Commander in Chief HAWK. Now, comrades, I want to say to you that by your valor this country was made a Nation, and before that time it was considered "away out West" was Iowa, Missouri, and Illinois even. Since that time all has changed. The trend is westward, and we have been going west, and west, and west. I find on examination that since Seward gave us Alaska and our Comrade McKinley gave us Hawaii, the brightest gem of the Pacific, that the center now of this country is California, and in the heart of California is Sacramento. [Applause.]

We ask you to come to Sacramento. We offer you everything that an open and friendly heart can give you. We want you there. We want you to come to the high-terraced Lake Tahoe in the Sierras and look over the great valleys of the San Joaquin, San Jose, and Sacramento Rivers to the Golden Gate. We want you to see the days of the mine. You all recollect that the gold strike of just 80 years ago—four score years—was discovered nearby Sacramento, and the great rush of 1849 is to be duly celebrated there two months next year. We will open all the old mines. You will be taken free to the place where gold was first discovered. You will pass thousands of acres of that land left undisturbed since the miner left it in the fifties. You will be given the privilege of taking a washing, going there the same as did the men of 1849 and taking out your nugget that is left there—thousands of them.

You will be taken around and shown where they are gathering gold by machinery right near by, where one machine is doing the work of 20,000 men. We are going to enact that over again. We want you to come and remember the days of your youth, the days of your boyhood, when you heard the stories of gold.

We want you to come—we will have the greatest State fair that any State in the universe ever had. We had it this year. We are going to keep that exhibit next year until you come and show you the most wonderful fruits and flowers of every kind. We will show you the mines, the exhibits of mines, and gold that have been fur-



nished by many counties. We had 43 counties represented in exhibits this year. We will keep that to show you.

We want you to visit our State. There are many things of interest in that State—that great, wonderful State that you helped to make. You will be proud that you helped make this united country when you come to look over California, you who have not been there.

Now, I say, come to California. Come and we will give you open hearts and hands, and we will give you such a welcome that you will remember it all the days of your life. And remember, comrades, that the price and the cost is but little more than coming here, not to exceed \$20 more than coming here, to make the round trip, and that anything that any place can give you we can give you in Sacramento. So come to California.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BRAINARD. Comrades, are there any other cities to be presented?

Comrade THOMAS H. STRITCH, of New York. Commander in Chief and comrades, we have been asked to come west. [Cries of "Platform," whereupon the speaker came to the platform.]

Mr. Commander in Chief, past and present officers, and my comrades, I am going to make an appeal to you in regard to our next national encampment. We have been asked to go westward again. I have been satisfied every time that I came westward, coming from the East. But I think this year we should go east, and that is the very reason that I do not desire and I hope that you do not desire—you that are living this side of the old Rockies—but that you will vote for our next national encampment to be held in the city of Portland, State of Maine. [Applause.] I thank you.

Comrade JOHN J. STEADMAN, of California and Nevada. Commander and comrades, I do not desire to occupy more than two minutes of your time in speaking upon this subject. I desire here and now to add my invitation as a vice president of the board of managers of the national homes of the United States, which has one of its largest homes in the United States located at Sawtelle, in Los Angeles County. We have completed—and it is the last word—one of the finest hospitals in the United States. We are completing a mess hall. We invite you, and we trust we will be enabled to secure for you such transportation as will enable every one of you to avail yourself of a visit to that institution.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. Comrades, if you go to Portland we can not show you the gold nuggets that were dug in 1849, but we can show you where civilization began in the United States. [Applause.] We can not take you to the hottest place in the United States, which is the city of Sacramento, barring one single place to which I hope no comrades in this hall will ever go, but we can show you the broad Atlantic, where the waves come sweeping in, bringing the freshest, coolest air that men ever breathed.

Now, remember, comrades, 25 per cent of the Grand Army of the Republic live east of the Allegheny Mountains; more than 60 per cent live east of the Mississippi River. We have held every encampment in the West, with the exception of the two in Boston, for the last 15 years. It costs a man to come to Denver, \$300. It will cost him \$500 to go to Sacramento. Now, I know a number of comrades to make this trip here to Denver have saved from their pensions for the last six months. How could they ever go to Sacramento?



Why, comrades, the post to which I belong took 200 men and a drum corps to Portland 45 years ago. There never was a city in this world that gave a finer reception to its comrades than Portland gave to us at that time. We were happy, we were well fed, and they gave us everything that the heart could wish.

Now, some 10 years ago the national encampment voted to go to Portland, and they did not go because the proper arrangements could not be made with the railroad companies. Forty-five years have elapsed since we visited the eastern part of the country. We have been to California four times since that. We went to Oregon; we have been all over the West. Now, come to Portland, come to the New England States where the Yankee was born, bred, and reared, and where they have given you the civilization that made the West, that sent those men to California to dig gold which was sent east to spend. [Applause.]

Comrades, personally I believe that every encampment should be held in the Middle West, because I think it is a hardship to make the Pacific comrades come away to the Atlantic coast. It is a hardship for us to go to the Pacific coast. But we are confronted with this proposition: We must either go to the Pacific or we must go to the Atlantic. Now, the great States of Pennsylvania, New York, New England, and all the Middle States, and the Middle West—it is easier to come to Portland than it is to go to Sacramento. Come to Portland. Bring your wife, bring your children, and they will give you the happiest time you ever had since you were born. [Applause.]

Comrade D. C. ZIMMERMAN of Illinois. I think that somebody else ought to be heard except the East.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. Well, give us a chance.

Comrade ZIMMERMAN. Zimmerman, of Illinois.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Willett, of Iowa.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BRAINARD. Comrade Willett has the floor.

Comrade ZIMMERMAN. I have been trying to get it for a week.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. My comrades, we boys in Iowa are on a teeter. If we go to Portland the railroad fare on the round trip will be about \$105. If we go to San Francisco, Seattle, San Diego, Los Angeles, or any other Pacific port the round trip from central Iowa is \$102.50. But notwithstanding that fact, it is immaterial to us in the trend of time. We want to go to Portland some day. But now that you are in the West we want you to tarry here and be just to those of the great West, and go to Sacramento in 1929, so that when you swing back to the great East and Middle States where we are likely to stay for the remainder of our existence you may stop at the half-way house and stay with us fellows in the city of Des Moines once more. [Great applause.]

The chances are that if you do not go to Sacramento next year we will never go there again. Now, that is the situation, and if on our way back in the Middle West in Iowa we should entertain you once more, the chances are you will never come back there again. When we go back to the Middle States and New England we will probably stay there till we cease to be migratory and finally locate in the Capital City of this great country, in the city of Washington. [Applause.]



Now, that is my idea of what is in store for us. I appeal to you comrades of the Middle States and of the great East that you have an opportunity now to extend fair charity, comradeship, and good fellowship to the great West and accommodate them at this time once for all, because they will never expect it again.

So far as the cost is concerned—that is, in the Middle West, in the Mississippi Valley—it is about even. But we want to be fair and just to those of our people who have gone to the great West, where Iowa has peopled the southern five counties and virtually controlled California, and you know how you feel about the Iowa contingent. With this much I appeal to your generosity if I am not right. I want to go to Portland, but I want to go there after we have surfeited the West and have treated them with due comradeship.

Comrade WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, of Massachusetts. Commander in Chief and Comrades, I have sat here and listened in amazement to the remarks of my good comrade from Iowa. He tells you that if you go to Portland, that the fare from Iowa to Portland is \$135.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. No; \$105.

Comrade WETHERBEE. I want to say that the fare from Boston here to Denver, in which we traveled through the whole State of Iowa and almost 24 hours more since, was only \$74.01, about one-half of what he tells you the charge is. Well now, we came here from Massachusetts with 16 carloads of people from Massachusetts to attend this encampment, on one train. They told me at the railroad station it is the heaviest train that ever went out of Boston, and we paid our money gladly to come here. Last year and the year before it cost a good deal less to attend the encampment than it did to come here, I admit. Our fare to Grand Rapids was only about \$40—\$39 to be exact. Now you are asking to go out there, and the fare is going to cost us from Boston at least \$400.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. No.

Comrade WETHERBEE. Well, you wait a minute. We get one fare, which is \$147. That is one fare from Boston to California. The fare from Boston to Portland is only \$2.58. If you go to Portland you are going to see, as has been said, the old Atlantic Ocean. You are going to get your clams and your lobsters, just as we gave them to you in Massachusetts. Maine was a part of Massachusetts at one time, and so Massachusetts is interested in having you come there to our splendid child. If you come to Portland you will be satisfied, as you were satisfied when you came to Boston. You know what we did for you there. You never have had a better reception anywhere than you got in Boston, and when we got through with you we took you down to Plymouth and sat 2,400 of you down under one tent to a splendid clambake.

Now, in behalf of the great portion of the comrades on this side of the Mississippi, and especially east of Ohio, I ask you to come this year to us. They tell us there is a big fair going on next year in Sacramento. That is one of the reasons why we don't want to go there. You won't be able to get any hotel accommodations at all. The hotels will be taken up with that fair. You know how it is. It is hard work to get them here, even without a fair. I engaged 20 rooms here last February. When we got here Sunday night they had all been sold over again. I had to sleep in a parlor and go down



to the main wash room to wash up in the morning, and pay \$8 a day for it.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Thank the Lord.

Comrade WETHERBEE. I have nothing more to say, only if you want a good time, if you want to get back to where two-thirds of the people of this United States came from—and that is the East—come down to Portland next year. If you are not satisfied when you get to Portland just take the train and in about two hours' ride come up to Boston and we will take care of you. [Applause.]

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BRAINARD. Just one moment. There is a committee of the Woman's Relief Corps here to present, and I would suggest that they be admitted and this be dispensed with for a few minutes.

Commander in Chief HAWK (taking the chair). We will just stop a minute. A committee from the Woman's Relief Corps is here. We will receive them just now and interrupt business for the present. Comrades, these are the representatives from the Woman's Relief Corps. I now present to you the president of that wonderful organization, Mrs. Campbell. [Applause.]

Mrs. EMMA W. CAMPBELL, national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, Minneapolis, Minn. Comrades of the Grand Army, this is the first time I have ever appeared in your national encampment. It is a great privilege and one of the greatest honors that has ever come to me.

Now, comrades, I have got a great array of figures here, and I believe that I will simply pass them to your commander in chief for printing in your journal, and simply give to you the greetings of the National Woman's Relief Corps. (For report see p. 168.)

With all our love and our sincerity we want to do everything that we can that will be pleasing to you. You have but to ask and you shall receive. I have brought with me this morning a great array of orators, and so I shall leave all the speech making to my friends that I have brought with me. I know you will want to hear from them. I know your commander in chief has heard from me this entire year, and I think he is getting just a bit tired of it. He says I have kind of bossed him this year—not that I meant to do that. But I am afraid that he has felt that I have done so.

I want to again express my appreciation at the privilege I have in coming into this encampment and telling you again that the National Woman's Relief Corps pledges its sincere allegiance to the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HAWK. Mrs. President and comrades, among the work that this organization has done—perhaps all of you comrades were not present the other night, but if you were you will recall that the president of this organization, Mrs. Campbell, presented this encampment with a check for \$5,000, showing the appreciation that they feel and the desire to help the old boys along during the coming year. Now, the administration—whoever my successor will be—they will certainly have much to enjoy, and you boys can enjoy that money during the coming year.

Now, who have we next, Mrs. President, that you would like to introduce? Mrs. Campbell will present the members of the committee.



Mrs. CAMPBELL. Comrades of the Grand Army, I have with me this morning Past National President Ida K. Martin. She simply wants to be introduced, but doesn't want to speak. So I present to you Mrs. Ida K. Martin, past national president of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. MARTIN. Mrs. Campbell says that I wanted to be presented, and I didn't want to speak. We have been receiving delegations over at the Woman's Relief Corps convention, and I noticed that the speeches that are most enjoyed are those that are the short ones. So I just want to say that we bring to you greetings and our love. I thank you. [Applause.]

Mrs. CAMPBELL. Comrades of the Grand Army, I believe you will all want to rise and pay a special compliment to this little woman. She is the real boss of the commander in chief, and it gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce to you Mrs. Elbridge L. Hawk, the wife of the commander in chief. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HAWK. This is the commander of the commander in chief.

Mrs. CAMPBELL. Now, this is the little lady that has tried to keep the commander in chief and the commander of the commander in chief in order this year. This is the daughter, Mrs. Blanche Hawk Pinkham.

Mrs. PINKHAM. I want to say, National President, that I am most happy to be here for two reasons. First is the reason she gave, that I have never attended an encampment of the Grand Army before, and it is certainly a great privilege to see you all; and the second, of course, you can understand how happy I am to have my first visit at my father's encampment.

We have our national president with us and two or three past national presidents, one of whom is the orator of our body. So I think I will just say that we love you all. [Applause.]

Mrs. CAMPBELL. Comrades of the Grand Army, this is Carrie T. Alexander-Bahrenburg, past national president of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. BAHRENBURG. Commander in Chief and members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the last time that I appeared before your encampment was in the city of Philadelphia. Those of you who were there will remember that we had the pleasure of bringing Clara Barton in our committee with greetings. I remember how very modest she was, how weak her voice. That was the time before we had these appliances [indicating microphone], and although she could not be heard beyond five or six rows, she got the greatest ovation.

When my national president was giving instructions to the different committees to carry greetings, she said, "Now remember, there is to be but one spokesman in each committee." With that thought in mind I very readily acquiesced to come over here to the Grand Army of the Republic. But on the way over she said "No, everybody had to say something."

Now, they all tell you that they love you, and you know that I do, but it reminds me of a story where some organization like the Rotarians was being addressed by a man who said, "I don't believe you show the proper attention to your wife. You are not as courteous to



her as you used to be. Now, why don't you turn over a new leaf and show your wife that you do really love her still?" Acting on that recommendation and from the promptings of his conscience a certain man on his way home bought a big armful of American Beauties. It had been a very strenuous day for his wife with the little children. It happened to be wash day, and that is always a trying day. And when she saw her husband with this armful of roses she said, "Oh, my! Drunk again!"

I am going to close because we have with us the orator from the Woman's Relief Corps, but I am going to tell you a story of one of your past commanders in chief who is no longer with you. He told this story, that on the border up here between the United States and Canada some function was being held and an English woman happened to be sitting next to the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. The decorations were varied, but among them was the American flag. This woman wanted to be sociable with this old soldier, so she commenced to talk about the thing he prized most highly in life, our flag. She said, "Oh, those Stars and Stripes! They make me sick to look at them. It reminds me of stick candy." And he replied, "Well, it may make you sick. It made everybody sick that ever tried to lick it." [Applause.]

Mrs. CAMPBELL. Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I know it is useless for me to stand here and introduce this lady, you all know her so well, but I have reserved her for the last because I know she will give a splendid talk. I take great pleasure and consider it a privilege to introduce to this encampment Flo Jameson Miller, past national president of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. MILLER. To begin with, I despise to talk into a sieve. I would rather talk right straight out to you. Some of these people have told you what a few times they have been over to see the Grand Army of the Republic. I have come so often that it is almost like the minister who had one of his parishioners say, "Parson, I have attended every service that you have held. I have listened to everything you have said, and I thank God that I still have my religion." [Applause.] So it is a good deal that way. I have come so often and told you the same thing over, as we always do, that I wonder that you have not lost your religion.

But I do want to say to you that it is a pleasure to come before the Grand Army of the Republic. It is a pleasure for us to meet you and to hear your stories and to do what you want us to do, because, strange as it may seem, there are 200,000 members of the Woman's Relief Corps who are doing what the soldiers want them to, and that is the strange part—that a woman will do anything that a man wants her to do if she don't want to do it.

The national president has spoken to you, and past national presidents have spoken to you, and I want to be a little bit serious—if I can. I want to say to you that the work we are doing along the line of national defense for the United States is a new work that we have taken up. We are doing this in support of the principles that you fought for, and we are doing it in support of the country that you saved, when a college professor will take the platform and say to

you that there are two days of the year on which the general public are asked to submit themselves to sort of punishment. One of them is our Memorial Day, when the men who have offered their lives as sacrifices call forth the services of the loyal men and the loyal women, and the other is Flag Day, when everybody is supposed to stand at attention and then let the flag pass by. "Not one of you is supposed to move until that rag goes by"—that is a professor in one of the eastern colleges. You will find the same thing in other colleges.

My friends, not long ago—in fact, it was only two weeks ago—I attended a political meeting at which there were 700 seated at the table. One of our governors said, "Is there a Grand Army man in the audience? If there is, will he please rise?" Not one arose. Then he said, "Is there a widow of a soldier here?" And not one arose. Then it became impressed upon us with renewed weight that up to the younger people, up to the boys and girls of to-day, was transformed and transferred the business of taking care of and upholding the principles that you men fought for. And so to-day we are here with renewed energy, with renewed patriotism. As we looked at the parade yesterday and saw all the uniforms bright and blue—we realized the fact that time was passing—there were some of the younger men in the parade, and they, too, marched and must have looked as you looked when you left your wives and your children behind you to fight for liberty.

But to-day there is a difference. But it makes no difference to us, makes no difference to the Woman's Relief Corps. We are the only organization of patriotic women that base our initiation or admission into our order on loyalty to the Government. [Applause.] We take the soldier's wife, we take the relative, but we take all loyal women. And although the scenes through which you passed are year by year receding into the past, although the stories you have told have been written on the pages of history and the deeds you have done have been put into marble, beyond the power of marble, beyond the reverberation of song and history is the enshrining beauty of the human soul. For only loving hearts can so well cherish the memory of living deeds. For all you did and all you dared, we honor you to-day, [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, I will call on Comrade Towler, of Minnesota, to reply to these splendid ladies.

Comrade SILAS H. TOWLER, of Minnesota. Commander in Chief, Mrs. President, your staff, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is an especial pleasure for me to be assigned to this duty. This young lady [Mrs. Campbell]—come up here—this young lady is from Minnesota. In her mind some time ago she conceived the thought that the funds of the encampment were getting low, and so through her maneuvers and manipulations and correspondence, and securing the consent of her national convention, she presented to the treasury of the Grand Army of the Republic \$5,000. [Applause.] She has been a wonderful worker for many, many years. Her father and her mother were good patriotic people. Both have gone to their long home. But she, in their memory, and for the benefit of the



soldiers of the great Civil War, has devoted very much of her time to the advancement of the cause of the Grand Army of the Republic.

She has brought with her some of the finest speakers in the land, and we are glad to have them accompany her and speak to us. And so, my friends, I say again it is an unusual honor, it is a great gratification to me to be able to say to you what I have already said, and I hope that Emma Campbell may be spared for many, many years to do the work which she has been doing ever since her majority.

Comrades, in her honor and for the gift that was made the other night to the treasury, I ask all to rise and salute.

(The members of the encampment arose and saluted Mrs. Campbell.)

Commander in Chief HAWK. Now, Mrs. President, we thank you for this visit here; we surely appreciate it. We wish for you success during the balance of your term until you get through. We have had a most wonderful time with this lady during the past year.

(The committee retired.)

Comrade CHARLES W. BLODGETT, of Ohio. Commander in Chief, I want to make a motion.

Comrade D. C. ZIMMERMAN, of Illinois. I want to speak just a minute for Sacramento.

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. I move that we proceed to the regular order of business.

Commander in Chief HAWK. We will continue the business. The senior vice, from where we left off, will conclude it.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief CALVIN A. BRAINARD (assuming the chair). We have got to do some business. We can't do all talking.

Comrade THOMAS H. STRITCH, of New York. Mine will be very brief.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BRAINARD. Is it a motion?

Comrade STRITCH. Yes; it is going to be a motion.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BRAINARD. All right. You didn't say.

Comrade STRITCH. My motion is, Commander in Chief and comrades, that the roll of the departments be called for the selection of the city in which to hold our next national encampment.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BRAINARD. I think it is proper. I think it is proper to entertain that motion, if there is no objection. [Calls for the question.] Comrades, it is moved that we proceed to vote on the location of the next encampment. All in favor of the motion will say "Aye." Contrary, "No." The comrade will now call the roll.

Assistant Adjutant General Steadman then called the roll of departments, with the following result:

Department	Portland	Sacramento	Des Moines
Alabama	2	1	
Arkansas	3	3	
California and Nevada		44	
Colorado and Wyoming	3	20	
Connecticut	8		
Delaware	2		
Florida	6		
Georgia and South Carolina	1		1
Idaho	2	9	
Illinois	25	2	
Indiana	26	1	
Iowa		45	
Kansas	13	10	
Kentucky	12		
Louisiana and Mississippi	4		
Maine	8		
Maryland	8	1	
Massachusetts	22		
Michigan	14	6	
Minnesota	2	7	3
Missouri	10	6	
Montana		9	
Nebraska	10	12	
New Hampshire	4		
New Jersey	17		
New Mexico	1		
New York	40		
North Dakota	13		
Ohio	27		
Oklahoma	8	6	
Oregon		11	
Pennsylvania	26	20	
Potomac	8		
Rhode Island	2		
South Dakota		4	
Texas	5		
Utah		6	
Vermont	7		
Virginia and North Carolina	6		
Washington and Alaska	1	14	
West Virginia		7	
Wisconsin	15		
On platform	5	6	

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. I move that we, immediately after recess, go into nomination of officers.

(Motion seconded.)

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BRAINARD. It has been moved that when we reassemble it be for the nomination of officers—after recess. All in favor of the motion will say “Aye.” Contrary, if any?

(Motion carried.)

Before the announcement of the vote Comrade Blodgett wants to make a motion.

Comrade CHARLES W. BLODGETT, of Ohio. Commander in Chief. I make a motion in this way: That all nominating speeches shall be



limited, for the one who nominates a candidate, to five minutes and no more.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BRAINARD. I do not hear any second. (Motion seconded.) Comrades, you have heard the motion. If there is anyone who has not, let him stand. All in favor of the motion say "Aye." Contrary, if any. You do not seem to object.

The vote stands: Portland, 366; Sacramento, 250. [Applause.]

Comrade H. I. MERRILL, of Kansas. I move that we now recess until half-past 1.

Commander in Chief HAWK (taking the chair). If there is no objection, we will stand in recess until 1.30 to-day.

(Whereupon, at 12.05 o'clock p. m., the encampment took a recess until 1.30 o'clock p. m.)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1928

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1.35 P. M.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Come to order.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. To expedite business in connection with the committee on rules and regulations, Frank R. Chase, of Michigan; Oscar Smith, of New York; and James C. Shields, of Idaho, if they are in the encampment, will please step forward to the platform for about five minutes. Otherwise we will make a report without them.

Past Commander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. Smith is not here.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Some letters and telegrams here, comrades.

Assistant Adjutant General Steadman then read a list of unclaimed letters and telegrams.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. Commander in Chief, I have a brief report here before we proceed to the regular order, if you please. The committee on rules and regulations are ready to make the following report:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND REGULATIONS

*Commander in Chief, officers and members of the Sixty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Denver, Colo., September 20, 1928:*

Your committee on rules and regulations, to whom certain amendments have been regularly referred, beg to report the following amendments for the consideration of this encampment, to wit:

#### FIRST

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That chapter 4, Article II, section 1, be amended by adding the words "Past surgeons general, past chaplains in chief, past adjutants general, and past quartermasters general."

#### SECOND

Add to Article X, provisional departments, the following:

"SEC. 3. That should any department become extinct and cease to function as a department the surviving members thereof may retain their membership in the Grand Army of the Republic as members at large, and the adjutant general is required to keep a roll of such members at large for their benefit

at national headquarters. For registry such members shall be required to pay annually as dues the sum of \$1, to be remitted to said adjutant general."

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. WILLETT,  
FRANK R. CHASE,  
CHARLES H. HASKINS,  
OSCAR SMITH,  
JAMES C. SHIELDS,  
*Committee.*

Your committee moves the adoption of the report.

(Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, you have heard the report of the committee and the motion. You have heard read by Comrade Willett the report of the committee on rules and regulations and the motion that it be adopted. All that are in favor of the adoption of the resolutions will say "Aye." Contrary, "No." The ayes have it, and it is so ordered.

Comrades, this is the time set for the nomination of comrades for commander in chief. Before proceeding in that I would like to recognize Comrade Jewel, of Colorado.

Comrade JAMES E. JEWEL, of Colorado and Nevada. The hour has arrived when it will be necessary to choose your next commander in chief, and I want to take this occasion to thank my department and all of the boys from the various States for the support you so cheerfully tendered me for that nomination. But it seems to me that the time has come when I should withdraw from this contest, and I thank you very much for your support, and I trust that you will give the support to the gentleman who you think is the most worthy. I just want to say that in 61 years the office of commander in chief has only four times gone west of the Missouri River. Bear that in mind, and the West has a candidate that merits your support. Thank you. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HAWK. Now, comrades, if the assistant adjutant general will call the roll of departments we will have you present your candidates for commander in chief now. It will expedite matters if those who are going to make nominations will please come up on the platform. It will help and facilitate business.

Assistant Adjutant General STEADMAN. Alabama, Arkansas.

Comrade COS ALTENBERG, of Arkansas. The Department of Arkansas waives her right to the Department of Pennsylvania.

Past Commander in Chief LOUIS F. ARENSBERG. Commander in Chief and comrades, to begin with I want to thank the Department of Arkansas for their gracious waiving of their right to Pennsylvania to name a candidate for commander in chief. Pennsylvania has a candidate for the office of commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, a comrade qualified in every respect to fill the office with credit to himself and the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mentally and physically fit, with a wide experience in all things relating to the affairs of our organization, he has had a wide experience in public and legislative matters, has been a member of the Grand Army of the Republic since 1872, has been adjutant general of a previous administration, has been assistant adjutant general of his own department for 20 years, and has been assistant to the quartermaster general and custodian of the records for the past 6 years.



This comrade served in a Pennsylvania cavalry regiment, No. 20, and served during the campaigns in the Shenandoah Valley under Sheridan and under Hunter and Sigel and the various commanders in the Shenandoah Valley. His record as a soldier is unimpeachable. His qualifications for the office are the fact that he is young enough—he enlisted and went into the service when he was 18 years of age and served till the close of the war. He is young enough and spry enough to look after our affairs. He is not only pledged but heartily in accord with everything that will enhance the chances of our comrades to receive the \$72 pension and in favor of giving the widows the \$50 a month. In addition to that he will favor the removal of the restrictions that now exist against Civil War widows—that all restrictions be removed in regard to age and time of marriage or anything else. Every war from the time of the Revolutionary War down to the present act, with the wives of soldiers of all the various wars there have been no restrictions placed on them. The only restrictions are those that have been placed on the widows of the Civil War. I think it was an insult to our wives and the memory of our wives that we should have those restrictions placed on the girls we married. We were all young men, too young to marry when we went into the service, and naturally we married after we came home. Those that were married during the war or at that time were but few, and the bulk of the Grand Army boys married after they came home. Why should they be discriminated against, those women that they married? Those that were married during the war receive \$50; the others \$40 under the recent rules. [Cries of “Time.”]

Now, I want to say that the comrade that I am about to name is capable of taking care of your interests in every respect, and he will be nearer the seat of affairs, living in the city of Philadelphia. He has that advantage and will be able to give special attention to any legislation that may come up that affects the Grand Army of the Republic. And I take great pleasure in presenting to you the name of Samuel P. Town, of Philadelphia, Department of Pennsylvania. He will fill every requirement that you may ask.

The calling of the roll continued without further response until Kansas was reached.

Comrade W. B. RHODES, of Kansas. Commander in Chief and staff, I want, comrades, to offer a few words of introduction before I proceed to place in nomination one of our comrades. My name is W. B. Rhodes. I am past senior vice department commander of the glorious old State of Kansas. I joined the Grand Army of the Republic February 10, 1867. I heard Gen. John A. Logan’s order read at our post for the first time. I have been a member of the Grand Army of the Republic for 61 years, from the beginning up to this date. I have had the honor of being a member of the Grand Army of the Republic ever since 1867.

Now, comrades, I have come here before you to-day to place in nomination one of our beloved comrades from the State of Kansas, a comrade that we have got lots of confidence in, a comrade who, if elected to the office of commander in chief of this grand old organization of ours, will do the business right up to the letter. I know him of old. I have worked with him for many, many days, and I know what I am talking about.



Now, comrades, if you see fit to vote for this beloved comrade of ours from the State of Kansas, I will be very much pleased. Now, I am only allowed 5 minutes to make this nomination speech, and I wish I had 10 or 15 minutes. I would say a great deal in behalf of our beloved comrade I am going to nominate very shortly as candidate for commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Now, comrades, I don't think you will make a mistake to-day if you will vote for our comrade. It has been stated before that there have only been four commanders in chief elected to the head of our grand organization this side of the Mississippi River. I think it is about time that one of our States had representation as commander in chief.

Now, Kansas is about the middle of the United States. You all know that. Now, I think that Kansas ought to be honored by having a commander in chief from our ranks. There are thousands and thousands of men that died and been buried on our soil—lots of them, thousands of them.

Now, Kansas is a State that has stood by the Union, that has furnished more men according to population during the Civil War than any other State in the United States according to the vote. Now, then, the time has arrived, comrades, when I think that Kansas ought to be honored by having a commander in chief. We have stood beside you all through these many years by electing commanders in chief east of the Mississippi River. Some of the States have had one commander in chief, some of them have had three, some of them have had five, some of them have had as high as six commanders in chief elected from that State.

Now, then, comrades, it is no more than right that we should come before you to-day and ask you that the State of Kansas be honored by having a commander in chief right in the middle of the United States.

Now, comrades, to make words short, I am going to bring that candidate before you so you can see who you are going to vote for, Comrade R. H. McWhorter, of Coffeyville. He will rise to his feet. Comrades, this is my candidate; this is our candidate that we want to present to you. We present him as our candidate for commander in chief. I will be very thankful if you will place him to the front. Thank you.

The calling of the roll continued without further response until Nebraska was reached.

Comrade H. V. HOAGLAND of Nebraska. Comrades, the department of Nebraska at their last annual meeting in May by unanimous vote instructed me to present to this encampment in their behalf a man whom every member of the department honors and respects and loves. We know him to be a man thoroughly competent to occupy this high and honorable position. We concede that it is a position that any man might covet; that the ambition of any man to occupy that position is a worthy ambition. I believe that most of our comrades would rather be elected commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic than to be elected President of the United States.

We present a man thoroughly competent, a man whose heart and soul is with the Grand Army of the Republic, and has been for many



years, a man whose record as a soldier of the Republic—that is equal, too. He served in the One hundred and thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Company A, and I need not dwell on that because I believe that every member of the Grand Army of the Republic in good standing has a good war record. He could not get there if he didn't have.

Our man is a man who has worked diligently and faithfully in the Department of Nebraska to build up the Grand Army of the Republic. He has done perhaps more than most any other man, and therefore we present him to you for your consideration. He is not a stranger in this encampment by any means. He served on the council of administration for a long time faithfully. He is now the judge advocate general of this encampment, and we believe that you will give him the vote of this encampment and promote him to that high and honorable position.

In face of the fact that the Grand Army of the Republic goes to the far East next year, we feel certain that this election will go to some man in the western part of the Republic. We think it ought to, and we hope that you will have the same opinion and that you will vote for our man.

I present the name of Judge John Reese, of Broken Bow, Nebr., a lawyer by profession and a man in every sense of the word. I thank you. [Applause.]

Chief of Staff GEORGE A. HOSLEY. An announcement: Comrade Watson, a very feeble comrade from Morgantown, W. Va., is lost. If any of you hear or know of him, notify Sol White at the Erhard Hotel.

Comrade H. S. WHITE, of West Virginia. He was at our headquarters and could not get rooms there and was taken to a hotel from there, and the day afterwards he became lost. He didn't know what hotel he was taken to, and there has been an effort made to locate him. He is somewhere in the city of Denver, lost.

The calling of the roll was continued and concluded without further nominations being made.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrade McWhorter, of Kansas; Comrade Reese, of Nebraska; and Comrade Town, of Pennsylvania, have been nominated for commander in chief. Now, if there are any seconds—the Chair thinks that two minutes is sufficient time for any of the comrades to make a seconding speech. I would request that any comrade who wants to second any of these nominations come on the platform. You can hear much better. It is impossible for us to hear from the body of the house. I would request that any persons that desire to second any of these nominations come down to the platform.

Comrade DAVID N. FOSTER, of Indiana. I am instructed by the Department of Indiana to unanimously second the nomination of Judge Reese, of Nebraska, for our next commander in chief.

Comrade WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, of Massachusetts. The Department of Massachusetts—speaking in their behalf, I want to say, first, that we love Pennsylvania and we love Comrade Town, but we feel that there is a certain sense of justice in going a little farther off. You have given to us in the East the next encampment, and we feel that we should go west a little farther for the commander in chief this year, and it is with pleasure that, in behalf of the Department



of Massachusetts, I second the nomination of Comrade Reese, of Nebraska.

Comrade S. M. ELDER, of Oklahoma. My name is Elder, from Oklahoma. I desire at this time to present a name of a man that I know full well. I am acquainted with him quite well. I live just a little south of him. I lived 40 years just north of him in that State. I have been in the West 58 years. He is a Kentuckian. He served in the war in the Thirteenth Kentucky Regiment; went out as lieutenant, and he came out as colonel. He is a thoroughbred from Kentucky. I was born down there. I know what I am talking about. I was asked to present the name of Mr. McWhorter for you to vote for. He is right close to Kansas; he is in Kansas. Kansas is the greatest State they have got in the United States. She is a State that has always been to the front. Regardless of history, the war commenced in Kansas, and that you all know, if you know the history of this country, without its being recorded and declared from Washington.

I desire to say to you that you will not make any mistake if you vote for Mr. McWhorter, of Coffeyville, Kans., and I believe you will do it. You remember bleeding Kansas. You know what she has done. She has always stood to the front. We are entitled to a man west of the Missouri River, and I hope he will come from the State of Kansas.

Comrade WILLIAM PATTON GRIFFITH, of New York. In behalf of the Department of New York I wish to cast its solid vote for Comrade Town. We have known Comrade Town for a long while. We have known him always to be on the right side in all questions affecting the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a man fitted in every way for it. He is qualified by long service for the comrades, and when Pennsylvania asks for his election we of New York think they are only asking what is for the best interests of all the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic throughout the Union. [Applause.]

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. Comrades, this encampment is to be congratulated upon the fact that there are three splendid comrades nominated for the office of commander in chief. Either one of the three is entirely competent, able, and fit to fill that position. Therefore, feeling as I do, that they are fit, the personality of the candidates does not enter into my mind at all. But I believe that we should elect a comrade who will lend the greatest interest to this great organization. These small departments are passed over year after year by the large departments. I think that the only way we can encourage the comrades throughout the whole Nation to foster and aid the Grand Army of the Republic is to recognize that a small department has just as much right and just as much interest as that overpowering department which has presented nine commanders in chief to this organization. Four years ago we elected that splendid comrade from Pennsylvania, and therefore I think that Pennsylvania can lie down and rest a while and let Nebraska have the nomination. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. Commander in Chief and comrades. I am directed by the Department of Iowa to second the nomination of a comrade. It is perfectly agreeable to me. We have discussed these candidates thoroughly. We believe in each of them. They are representative comrades. Either of them



would give us good service, but under the circumstances, and I yield to neither of them, in harmony with the unity of action on the part of the State of Iowa, I second the nomination of Comrade John Reese.

I have known him in this western valley for over 30 years. I knew his brother better, perhaps, in a social sense, but I know his reputation, and I know his reputation as a comrade, and both as a citizen and as a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic he is of exemplary character.

I trust that, under the circumstances—you have arranged to take us clear down to Portland, Me., for our next encampment—you will give us in the great Middle West the candidacy and the election of Comrade John Reese. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief ELL TORRANCE. Commander in Chief and comrades, I am a Pennsylvanian by birth. I served four years in the Army of the Potomac, from the State of Pennsylvania. I know Comrade Town very well and have known him for many years, and I respect and honor him as a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic. But to-day I can not support his ambition to be commander in chief. Pennsylvania has just laid down the honors of that office, and I am in favor of John Reese, of Nebraska.

Comrade C. H. HASKINS, of California and Nevada. Commander and comrades, I rise to second the nomination of Comrade Town, of Pennsylvania. I have known him for 30 years. I know he is capable and honest in every way, as I believe that every other one of these candidates is. I believe they are all fit to be commander in chief and I believe they would all honor the position. But whoever is elected will be my commander, regardless of who he may be of those who have been nominated. But I would like to see Comrade Town elected as commander in chief.

Comrade J. E. GANDY, of Washington and Alaska. Comrades, we of the Northwest agree with the past commander in chief of Iowa when he says the West should be recognized. The commander has gone more than four-fifths of the time east of Chicago, or east of Des Moines, at least. Be fair, comrades. Remember, there are a great many comrades west of Chicago and west of the Missouri River. West of the Missouri River we have had only—in sixty-odd years—only four or five commanders. Be fair and be just. Our Nebraska man, John Reese, is capable, thoroughly familiar with the rules of the Grand Army, and able in every way to fill the office, and we of Washington and the Northwest hope to see him named as our commander in chief for the next year.

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. We have had, comrades, a very cordial and good encampment. To even the thing up we ought to name John Reese. Elect John Reese commander in chief. He is in every way qualified. The East got the encampment; let the West have the commander in chief, and all go home with a good taste in our mouth.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Are there any further seconds? [Cries of "Vote."]

Comrade HOSEA B. MOULTON, of the Potomac. Mr. Commander, I have had the pleasure of an acquaintance with John Reese for several years. I know him and believe him to be a man of splendid

ability, eminent qualifications, fine learning, a good lawyer, eminent jurist, and above all of those he is a man who is loyal to his home and loyal to his country and loyal to his God. I hope he will be elected.

Comrade PATRICK H. CONEY, of Kansas. Having the best interests of the Grand Army at heart, superior to all other considerations, refraining from having my own name presented for this office as has been repeatedly done, I believe that we ought to have a representative from west of the Missouri River, but above all some one who has devoted his life and has the capacity intellectually to bring credit and honor upon the order and do efficient work for us all in procuring whatever is necessary for the benefit of our comrades and their widows. I take delight in seconding the nomination of John Reese for commander in chief.

Commander in Chief HAWK. I would request that the candidates named come on the platform, that you may see them. Comrade McWhorter is here. Comrade Town is coming. Now, comrades, you have before you the candidates that have been nominated for commander in chief. You can take a look at them. We will not allow them to make a speech for themselves, but I want them to show themselves. I guess you all know them. First is Comrade McWhorter, of Kansas; second is Comrade Town, of Pennsylvania; and third is Comrade Reese, of Nebraska. [Calls for "roll call."] Now you see them, and if there is no objection now we will call the roll, and as the roll is called will the commander or adjutant report the vote.

Comrade PETER H. MASS, of California and Nevada. I move that we be given a recess of 10 minutes in order to prepare ballots.

Commander in Chief HAWK. We think that the comrades can canvass the vote while we are calling the roll. It will be more than 10 minutes for most of you, and those that are not ready may pass. Whoever is to announce the vote for each department please come down the aisle as far as you can and then announce the vote.

(The roll of departments was then called by the assistant adjutant general, with the following result:)

Department	Reese	McWhorter	Town
Alabama	3		
Arkansas			7
California and Nevada	17	3	13
Colorado and Wyoming	18	1	4
Connecticut	7		
Delaware			2
Florida	4		2
Georgia and South Carolina	1	1	
Idaho	8		
Illinois	21		1
Indiana	27	2	
Iowa	45		
Kansas	7	20	1
Kentucky	6	4	
Louisiana and Mississippi	4		
Maine	4		
Maryland			9
Massachusetts	21		
Michigan	18		



Department	Reese	McWhorter	Town
Minnesota	11	1	3
Missouri	13		
Montana	9		
Nebraska	22		
New Hampshire	3		
New Jersey	17		
New Mexico	1		
New York	1		39
North Dakota	7	6	
Ohio	36		
Oklahoma		14	
Oregon	11		
Pennsylvania			46
Potomac	8		
Rhode Island			2
South Dakota	8		
Texas	2		1
Utah	3		3
Vermont	1	6	
Virginia and North Carolina	6		
Washington and Alaska	14		
West Virginia	3		
Wisconsin	11		
On platform	9		7

Comrade R. H. McWHORTER, of Kansas (after the announcement of the Ohio vote). I move you that we make it unanimous for Reese.

(Before the announcement of the vote, Oklahoma changed its vote from McWhorter to Reese.)

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, listen to the report of the vote. There has been cast for Comrade Reese 421 votes, for Comrade McWhorter 44 votes, for Comrade Town 140 votes. Comrade Reese having received a majority of all the votes cast, I declare him to be duly elected as commander in chief for the ensuing term.

Comrade SAMUEL P. TOWN, of Pennsylvania. If it is in order, I would like to make the election unanimous.

Commander in Chief HAWK. It is seconded by Comrade McWhorter. All that are in favor of the unanimous election of Comrade Reese will say "Aye." [Carried.] Comrade Reese is declared elected as commander in chief. [Cries of "Speech."] As the other candidates are in the audience we will ask them to escort him to the platform. (Comrade Reese was escorted to the platform and presented to the commander in chief.)

I present your commander in chief elect.

Comrade JOHN REESE, of Nebraska. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this compliment and your confidence in selecting me to be your commander in chief. I realize the responsibility that I am taking upon myself when I accept the office, and I want your cooperation all through this administration. I can say to you that I will give my best service to the Grand Army of the Republic and for our country.

Now, I expect to meet you in your homes, many of you, in the future, and I shall not take up your time, for you have other business to consider. I will just say to you that I thank you for this great honor that you have conferred upon me this afternoon. Thank you.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, we will now hear nominations for senior vice commander in chief.

Comrade E. C. CONDIT, of Colorado and Wyoming. Commander and comrades, it is with pleasure that I present to you the name of a native son of Colorado, a western man, for the position of senior vice commander in chief. When that flag was fired upon he, like many of us, was but a boy. Yet he shouldered his rifle and went to the front and fought for that flag as long as there was any opposition to it. When the war closed he returned to his native State and has been an active citizen as well as an honorable citizen ever since. His connection with the Grand Army extends away back almost beyond the age the memory of man goeth not. He has been an active member of it in this Department of Colorado and Wyoming, and has been a leading spirit, you might say, in the organization. He has been not only post commander but department commander, and has been judge advocate, and by his wise and conservative counsel has at different times succeeded in harmonizing discordant elements, all of which is to his credit, for you comrades all know that, although we are old men, yet we very frequently differ and we get so tangled up in our differences sometimes that it takes some friend, some sober-minded friend, to untangle the difficulties. This he has succeeded in doing, and to my certain knowledge he has rendered great service to the organization.

He is an honored citizen of this State. All who know him love him, and the Grand Army boys all love him on account of his value and his counsel. He is worthy of your votes in every respect. He is worthy mentally, physically, and in all other respects, and I want to add that he is also a good, Christian man, which, in my opinion, adds to his value.

In behalf of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming I ask you to favor us—I mean the Grand Army of the Republic of Colorado—favor us by voting for him for the position of senior vice commander in chief. His name is James E. Jewel, and his residence is Fort Morgan, Colo.

Comrade J. E. LAYCOCK, of Colorado and Wyoming. I second the motion.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. I move that the rules be suspended and that Comrade Jewel be declared unanimously elected senior vice commander in chief.

Comrade WILBUR F. HENRY, of Missouri. I rise to a point of order.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrade Cole made a motion that the rules be suspended and that Comrade Jewel be elected by acclamation. All that are in favor of that will say "Aye." Those opposed, "No." Comrade Jewel is declared elected senior vice commander in chief. Will the comrade present himself here, that the comrades may see him? Comrade Jewel, whom you have just elected senior vice commander in chief by acclamation.

Comrade JAMES E. JEWEL, of Colorado and Wyoming. My comrades, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the honor you have conferred upon me. I shall use my best endeavors to assist my commander in chief to make this one of the best years of the Grand Army of the Republic. Thank you.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Now, comrades, next in order will be the election of a junior vice commander in chief. I recognize the comrade here.



Comrade THOMAS H. STRITCH, of New York. Commander in Chief, shall I come to the platform?

Commander in Chief HAWK. Yes. I will just say this: That if comrades propose to put anyone in nomination for junior vice commander in chief, I wish they would be on the stand, ready.

Comrade STRITCH. Commander in Chief, past and present officers of the national encampment, my comrades, I have a very pleasant duty to perform this afternoon. I am here to nominate a comrade for junior vice commander in chief. He is like two of our most distinguished national officers. I allude to Judge Willett and our chief aide, Comrade Hosley. My candidate served in the Navy. He enlisted at a very tender age and served several terms in the Navy. He was for four years with Admiral Farragut, whom you all know. For some time he was his messenger. He was at New Orleans, Vicksburg, Mobile, and another one that I forgot. However, he was not only on the Atlantic station but he was on the Pacific station. I think that is evidence enough that he was a good sailor.

Now, as to his work in the Grand Army of the Republic, he has been for a number of years commander of Farragut Naval Post of New York City. At the present time he is secretary of the memorial committee of New York City, and all the comrades of New York are heartily in favor of granting this splendid comrade that distinguished position of junior vice commander in chief.

Now, my comrades, I am going to appeal to your hearts. I will ask you to have a heart. We take everything. We scarcely ever give anything to our country. We are the defenders of our flag, which is enough. We had at one time in New York a department commander, John Maxwell—Judge Maxwell, of Amsterdam. It was a long while before the department recognized a sailor. Now, I appeal to you here to-day to grant this privilege and cast your vote for Henry J. Kearney as junior vice commander in chief.

Comrade CHARLES W. BLODGETT, of Ohio. Commander in Chief and comrades here and everywhere else, Ohio has a candidate for junior vice commander in chief. I recognize and you recognize the great fact that possibly—not probably, but possibly—the commander in chief may pass on and the senior vice may pass on. It is very necessary that we have a man in the office of junior vice that can fill any chair.

I am bringing to you the name of Jacob Secrest. He is an Indiana soldier living in Ohio. He has been department commander of Ohio, and he was unanimously recommended by the department for this position, not only by the department but by all the comrades in Ohio, and I hope elsewhere. I have sometimes thought as I have dealt with him that he dreamed and thought and breathed Grand Army matters. I have never been associated with any Grand Army man that had higher ideals than he has. He is a good parliamentarian; he has an excellent voice; he has a body that is strong. He was the inspiration of bringing into our department this splendid Betsy Ross quartette.

Now, I might say a great many things more about Jacob Secrest, but he is a man that we can trust everywhere, of the highest ideals, a splendid soldier in the Civil War, and was not discharged until the end of his service. He stands four square to every comrade that is in the Grand Army of the Republic.



Ohio—Ohio, that sent 330,000 men to the field—brings to you this afternoon this splendid man, Jacob Secrest, and, of course, we hope that you will all vote for him. Do it and you will never regret it.

Comrade J. E. LAYCOCK, of Colorado and Wyoming. Comrades, a good deal has been said about the location of encampment officers. You all know that it is convenient sometimes to the commander in chief to have a staff officer in another part of the United States that he can conveniently reach. Ohio has also been the birthplace of Presidents, and we think it is a real good birthplace for a junior vice commander. I know that this comrade is perfectly competent, if it becomes necessary, to perform any service that the commander in chief may need, even supposing that the thing I hope impossible should happen, that he might be called to occupy a higher seat than junior vice commander.

So it is with great pleasure, as past department commander of Colorado and Wyoming, in so much as you have given us, the western part of the United States, the commander in chief and the senior vice commander, I hope that you will elect Jacob Secrest, of Ohio, in a central location, for junior vice commander. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HAWK. Any further nominations?

Comrades, it is my pleasure to introduce Cassea Hopper Orsborn, who has just been elected president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I have met her and know her well, and she will certainly do credit to her organization during this coming year.

Mrs. CASSEA HOPPER ORSBORN, of Washington and Alaska. Commander in Chief, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I am delighted to come over here and bring you greetings from the national organization, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Comrades, we can not forget that you carried our beautiful flag forth in your boyhood and young manhood days and went through the most terrible struggle this country has ever known. You returned it to your commander in chief at the end of five years of unspeakable suffering, hardship, and trial without the loss of a single star or spot or blemish.

Comrades, you have no idea how proud we are of our heritage, the heritage that you gave us at the end of that struggle to call ourselves Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. We are proud of our heritage, and we shall cherish it to the end of time. And, comrades, as you go down the western slope of time and approach the golden sunset of life, may you carry with you the sweet consciousness that you have done all in your power to make this country of ours one of the most beautiful and highly respected on the face of the earth.

We are proud of our flag, we are proud of our country; but we are still more proud of you, comrades. It took the hand of Divine Providence to create this wonderful country of ours. He covered its mountains with beautiful and stately forests. Then He traversed its valleys with winding streams. Then He carpeted the hills and valleys with grasses and flowers such as only the hand of divine power can create. When He had given it to us in all of its beauty and grandeur, we called it America.

But, comrades, while it took the hand of divine power to create this wonderful country of ours, it took you and the fallen heroes of 1861 to 1865 to save it from destruction at the hands of its enemies. And, comrades, let me say in parting, that we are tre-



mendously proud of you and we are tremendously proud of our heritage which you gave us.

We came over this morning to bring this dear little man a bouquet of flowers, and they are permanent flowers—they are not going to wilt—just like our love for you and these other comrades. It is permanent; it is not going to wilt. Comrades, with our love and the love of our national president, Sister Marybel Ross, who is finishing her year, we bring the love and greetings from our convention.

We are not going to take another minute of your time, but we will meet you next year in Portland, Me.

Commander in Chief HAWK. I will ask Past Commander in Chief King to respond.

Past Commander in Chief JOHN R. KING. Ladies, it is a very beautiful sentiment to "say it with flowers." You have said it so nicely I am sure you have made the commander in chief feel happy for the balance of his life. We thank you very much for your visit, and we hope your convention has been a very great success.

Past Commander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. Comrades, I want to say a word about my personal knowledge of the candidate for junior vice commander that is presented by the Department of New York. I am led to say this by the reflection that inasmuch as you have elected the commander in chief from Nebraska and have elected the senior vice from Colorado and have agreed to go to the Atlantic coast for the next encampment, that there would be a reasonable excuse for giving the junior vice commander to the Atlantic coast.

Then, again, there is presented a candidate who is a representative of the United States Navy, and in every particular this candidate which New York presents to you is a fine example of the men who fought upon the decks of our ships of war during our great contest.

Now, I know Kearney well. There is no finer comrade in the whole Department of New York. If you only saw him once I think you would agree thoroughly with me that he is a fine representative of the Grand Army, especially of the Navy in the Grand Army. Now, comrades, you will make no mistake if you select Comrade Kearney, and I earnestly recommend him to your favorable consideration.

Comrade H. I. MERRILL, of Kansas. Kansas wishes to indorse the candidacy for junior vice commander of the candidate from Ohio, Secrest.

Comrade CHARLES HOPPER, of New Jersey. New Jersey wishes to indorse the candidate from Ohio.

Comrade A. E. GAGE, of Illinois. Is it in order for an indorsement by States?

Commander in Chief HAWK. We have been receiving seconds. Why except indorsements?

Chief of Staff GEORGE A. HOSLEY. What do you mean, taking a vote by States?

Comrade GAGE. You have accepted two indorsements from different delegations. I want to know if it is in order. If it is in order, continue.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Are there any further seconds? If not, we will admit a delegation that is here waiting. That will give you time to consider these candidates. We have two candidates only.

Comrades, it is my pleasure to introduce to you two of the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the first, my associate, to whom I am indebted during my administration more than to any other one it seems for any success that may be obtained, Miss Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary to the commander in chief and past president of the Daughters of Union Veterans.

MISS KATHARINE R. A. FLOOD, of Newton, Mass. Commander in Chief and comrades of the national encampment, I bring to you this afternoon the greetings of your daughters in national convention assembled. We have a large convention of nearly 500 voting members, and we want you to know that whatever you want, whatever you need, will be given you by your girls. We are working for you 24 hours in the day. If we could make it 48 hours in the day we would do it. [Applause.]

I just bring to you the greetings of our national president and our delegates, and I say to you, as the little boy in one of Dickens's stories said to his grandfather, when the grandfather was finding it hard to get along, "Lean on me, grandpa; lean hard." And so I say to you, "Lean on your daughters, comrades, and lean just as hard as you want, and we are there to support you." [Applause.]

Commander in Chief, it has been the custom in our convention for some years to bring to the commander in chief from our national assembly a gift of flowers, but our national president this year decided that she would like to have something that you might keep, so we spent that money for something that you can take home. It is gold, pure gold, but no purer than the love your girls have for their fathers. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HAWK. Nellie Noble, department president of the Daughters of Union Veterans. president of the Department of California and Nevada.

Mrs. NELLIE NOBLE, of California and Nevada. Commander in Chief Hawk and our own comrades, the national president, in appointing me to come on this reception committee, conferred a great honor upon me, one which I shall always remember. The State of California in receiving our own Commander Hawk was greatly honored and will always be honored by having had him in our own capital this past year. We had hoped to welcome you next fall; but since you have felt otherwise, the forces will have to go to the East.

Commander in Chief, I just want to present you just a little gift of California gold with my very best wishes and the best wishes of every daughter.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Mrs. President, you overwhelm me, indeed. I think I will have to call upon—I don't know who is the great ladies' man here. I think I will have to call on Doctor Blodgett—I don't know anyone else here that is an admirer of the ladies any more than he is—to respond to these ladies, because I am incapable of doing so.

Comrade CHARLES W. BLODGETT, of Ohio (national patriotic instructor). Commander in Chief, this is the only time you haven't told the exact truth, for you know the girls all love you.

Commander in Chief HAWK. I know that.

Comrade BLODGETT. We are delighted, indeed, to have you with us. I can not tell you how we love our daughters. That would be utterly impossible. They are watching over us by day and by night,



and we know that you will perpetuate and carry down that love after we are gone. And pardon me when I say to the secretary here, we know you, know you thoroughly. We can tell the letters that you write. You have been so courteous and so kind through all of these years. And California! Why, California is the land of promise. California is the land of gold. California is the land of literature. California is the land of beautiful girls, and California is the land of noble husbands, and if either one of you have not one, you come to Ohio and we will find one for you. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HAWK. We are more than pleased to have these girls, comrades, because they have watched my step exactly during this past year, and they have been numerous every place I have been.

We have here a representative from the Sons of Union Veterans.

Commander in Chief DELEVAN B. BOWLEY, of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, of San Francisco, Calif. This is an occasion when two commanders in chief stand and grasp each other by the mitt.

Commander in Chief HAWK. I am just informed that Comrade Bowley, of California, has just been elected commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans. He is here to offer assistance. He traveled with us, and he is a recruiting officer not alone for his own organization but for the Grand Army of the Republic. Comrade Bowley.

Mr. BOWLEY. Commander in Chief, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is indeed a privilege, a pleasure, and an honor to extend to each and every one of you the greetings of the commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, especially when one grasps the hand of an individual who, next to the President of our republican Republic, is the most beloved person in the United States of America. I refer to the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. I have been requested to present to you a token which I know is dearer to you than gold or even life itself. I refer to the most beautiful emblem that was ever unfurled to the breeze, our own dear, beloved flag of our country. This is what is commonly known as a "living flag," Commander in Chief. You will note on it it is headed by its name. You will see there the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps and all your friends that love you, particularly those that reside in California. We want you to accept it in the spirit it is offered, because it comes from many that love you and love you dearly.

I don't wish to take up any further time of your national encampment, but I do wish to pledge to the Grand Army of the Republic that I shall do everything in my power to build up the order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to the end that they may render a greater service not only to the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied organizations, but to the grandest country that ever existed in this world and, I believe, in any other. I thank you for your attention. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrade Bowley, just a moment. I accept this with pleasure, and I will treasure it with the treasures that I have and keep it sacred, and pass it with the others.

We have spent a year together. I want to introduce to you the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Comrade

Reese. I want you to come forward and meet the commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, Comrade Reese, because you will be together. [Applause.] You will be much together. Comrade Bowley is a traveler, and he will assist you, commander in chief, in many, many ways.

Mr. BOWLEY. Commander in Chief elect Reese, of the State of Nebraska, I want to say to you that the man whom my father named me for, Col. Delevan Bates, of the Thirtieth United States Colored Infantry, who was shot at the explosion of the mine before Petersburg, the ball entering here and coming out here, was a mayor of Aurora, Nebr., and the president of the First National Bank. By reason of that fact I have always held in my heart a deep regard for your State, and I sincerely hope that you and I can go together and double and treble and quadruple the membership of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the State of Nebraska. I believe we can do it.

I also want to suggest to you that if it is possible that as many of the national heads as possible make their official visits together. When we do that it seems to be a great big revival. I will never forget the time Past Commander in Chief Willett, of the Grand Army of the Republic, came out with the national heads to California, and I really thought we had an old-fashioned Methodist revival meeting, because it did the organizations a great deal of good. I hope you will try and bring that about, Commander in Chief.

I am mighty glad to shake your hand. I want you to feel that as far as the Sons of Veterans are concerned that a request from any soldier—Union soldier of the War of the Rebellion—we consider equivalent to a command, and we are glad to serve you in any capacity whatever.

Commander in Chief elect REESE. My dear commander of the Sons of Veterans, I congratulate you and congratulate your order in selecting you for their leader. I know from your countenance, I read in your countenance the love that you have for us comrades, and we are depending upon the Sons of Veterans to carry on the work that we organized to do years ago. But we will lay down that work some time in the future—I hope not soon—and we expect you, with the Daughters of Veterans, to carry on the work. And we have confidence to believe that you will.

I want to say to you that I will try and arrange to have the leaders of all our allied organizations go together in our department conventions throughout the country, and I hope that I can increase tenfold your order during the coming year, for there are many sons of veterans that are not in your order and who ought to be and I believe will be if we give them the proper encouragement. Thank you, and hope for a successful administration for your order as well as ours.

Mr. BOWLEY. Thank you most kindly. It is indeed a pleasure. I can assure you, in behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that we will try to prove ourselves worthy sons of noble sires.

(Calls of "Roll call.")

Chief of Staff HOSLEY. Commander in Chief, this is sent in memory of Samuel A. Stewart, deceased, Twenty-seventh Kansas, by Mrs. Stewart, for you as a compliment to the Grand Army of the Republic.



Commander in Chief HAWK. This comes to the commander in chief?

Chief of Staff HOSLEY. Yes.

Commander in Chief HAWK. In memory of Stewart, deceased, comrades, we take pleasure in receiving all these things. What we will do with them I don't know. It will take a car now to haul all the bouquets and baskets of flowers we have received, but we will take with us as many as we can, and we will try to cheer up the hospitals with the balance.

Now, comrades, you have two candidates for junior vice commander in chief. I will ask that the roll be called. I will announce the names: Henry J. Kearney, of New York, and Jacob Secrest, of Ohio. They are the candidates, and the assistant adjutant general will call the roll and as it is called each department will respond. Come down in front as near as you can and be ready when your department is called.

(The roll call resulted as follows:)

Department	Kearney	Secrest
Alabama	3	
Arkansas		7
California and Nevada	13	20
Colorado and Wyoming	8	13
Connecticut	7	
Florida	8	
Georgia and South Carolina		3
Idaho	6	
Illinois	9	12
Indiana	12	13
Iowa	45	
Kansas	10	19
Kentucky	7	2
Louisiana and Mississippi	1	3
Maine	5	
Maryland	8	
Massachusetts	23	
Michigan	16	1
Minnesota	1	11
Missouri	3	10
Montana		9
Nebraska		22
New Hampshire	4	
New Jersey		17
New York	40	
North Dakota	13	
Ohio		36
Oklahoma		16
Oregon		11
Pennsylvania	43	3
Potomac	6	
Rhode Island	2	
South Dakota		8
Texas	1	2
Utah		6
Vermont	7	
Virginia and North Carolina	6	
Washington and Alaska	2	12
West Virginia		3
Wisconsin		8
On platform	14	4

Chief of Staff HOSLEY. Commander in Chief, I take great pleasure in presenting Mrs. Reese, wife of the newly elected commander in chief.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, while they are waiting for the announcement of this vote I want to introduce to you the commander of the commander in chief elect, Mrs. Reese. Mrs. Reese, if you want to talk to these boys—you may have to talk to them during the year—you want to look into their faces.

Mrs. JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr. Commander Hawk, it is the greatest pleasure of my life to talk to the Grand Army of the Republic and to associate with the Grand Army of the Republic. I want to thank the members of this encampment for conferring upon me the high honor you have this afternoon. I appreciate it because I share in the honor that you have given my husband, and I thank you. My earliest recollections were of a veteran father. He taught me many lessons in patriotism, and I revere the memory of that veteran father. It is a great pleasure to me to meet with the comrades. Since I have been in Denver I have been accused of being a politician. Not so. I merely was associating. It was because I loved to get around and shake hands with the comrades, and I hope I will see all of you again next year. Thank you.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, you will hear the verdict now. Comrade Kearney received 323 votes, Comrade Secrest 271 votes. [Applause.] Comrade Kearney having received a majority of all the votes cast, I declare him elected junior vice commander in chief for the ensuing term. Comrade Kearney will please come to the front. Will Comrade Secrest escort Comrade Kearney to the front?

Comrade JACOB SECREST, of Ohio. Comrades, I want to make a motion to make it unanimous for Comrade Kearney for junior vice commander in chief, the man that beat me. He is a better man than I am, you see. I want you to vote for him to make it unanimous. (Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, you have heard the motion of Comrade Secrest that the election of Comrade Kearney be made unanimous for junior vice commander in chief. All that are in favor of it will say "Aye." No noes are called for. It is all "aye." Allow me to welcome you. The comrades would be pleased to hear from you, Comrade Kearney.

Comrade HENRY J. KEARNEY, of New York. Commander and comrades, there is only one fault for me to find with my opponent, and that is, he said I was a better man. That I will not agree to. But I thank all of you for your votes, and I will do all I can to fill the position to the best of my ability. As you know, a sailor is always ready to obey and not falter, but go as he is told.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Now, comrades, next in order is the surgeon general. I recognize Comrade Haskins, of California and Nevada.

Comrade C. H. HASKINS, of California and Nevada. Commander and comrades, I want to name Comrade S. W. Hopkins, of California and Nevada, for surgeon general. He is a past department commander of California and Nevada. He was medical director of the department for several years, a first-class soldier, and a first-



class comrade at all times, and it is not necessary for me to prolong the talk. He is all right in every way, and I want you to vote for Comrade S. W. Hopkins for surgeon general.

Comrade R. C. MARTIN of California and Nevada. Comrades, I wish to second the nomination of Dr. S. W. Hopkins as surgeon general of this national encampment. It is very nice here. We have had a harmonious encampment, and there has nothing come up to disturb us in any way, and these elections are drifting along, and we are going to elect Doctor Hopkins. We were defeated this morning, but it didn't affect us a particle. We are just as happy as though we had won, in not getting the encampment. California is going to Portland at the next encampment with greater enthusiasm than they came here. I just wish to second the nomination. I have known him for many years, and he is one of the best comrades in these United States.

Comrade JOHN H. HOFFMAN, of Indiana. Commander in Chief, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, Indiana has a candidate that we wish to present for your consideration for the position of surgeon general of the national department of the Grand Army of the Republic. This comrade has been the surgeon of our department for a number of terms. He is a physician in good standing, a good soldier, a fine gentleman in every way, and Indiana desires your support for our candidate, Dr. E. H. Cowen, of Crawfordsville, Ind.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Any other candidates? If not, we will declare the nominations closed and proceed to ballot. Will the assistant adjutant general call the roll?

Comrade HOSEA B. MOULTON, of the Potomac. I would like to name a candidate for surgeon general.

Commander in Chief HAWK. I called for any others, and nominations are closed. Comrade Moulton, of the Potomac, I guess didn't hear. He has a candidate that he wishes to nominate.

Comrade MOULTON. Mr. Commander and comrades, there is nothing that pleases me more than a man whose work is well done. We have a surgeon general that has served the last year, Dr. Henry A. Johnson, of Washington, D. C. I know him as a man, I know him as a citizen, I know him as a comrade. I know he has discharged every duty that has come to him as surgeon in chief of the Grand Army, and I take very great pleasure in nominating Doctor Johnson for surgeon general of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Now, comrades, are there any other nominations? I want the comrades to understand we want to expedite matters, but we want to give every one an opportunity. Comrades, there have been nominated Hopkins, of California; Cowen, of Indiana; and Johnson, of the Potomac. Each department will prepare the names of those you wish to vote for and be ready to answer the roll as it is called by the assistant adjutant general.

The roll was then called by the assistant adjutant general and the votes of the several departments recorded, as follows:

Department	Hopkins	Cowen	Johnson
Arkansas.....		4	
California and Nevada.....	33		
Colorado and Wyoming.....	14	2	
Connecticut.....	7		
Florida.....	5		
Georgia and South Carolina.....	2		
Idaho.....		3	
Illinois.....	1	4	11
Indiana.....		26	
Iowa.....		45	
Kansas.....	14		
Kentucky.....		7	
Louisiana and Mississippi.....	4		
Maine.....	5		
Maryland.....			8
Massachusetts.....	19		
Michigan.....	7		
Minnesota.....	8		
Missouri.....	8		2
Nebraska.....		22	
New Hampshire.....	4		
New Jersey.....		17	
New York.....	40		
North Dakota.....	13		
Ohio.....	1	35	
Oklahoma.....	4	4	
Oregon.....	4		
Pennsylvania.....	46		
Potomac.....	6		
Rhode Island.....	2		
Texas.....		2	
Utah.....	6		
Virginia and North Carolina.....	5		
Washington and Alaska.....	14		
Wisconsin.....		4	
On platform.....	11		5

Comrade HENRY A. JOHNSON, of the Potomac. I thank the comrades for presenting my name, but it was done without my authority. I am a one-termmer. I spoke for my department. I cast 6 votes for Comrade Hopkins. I therefore will withdraw.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, I will announce the vote. Comrade Hopkins received 283 votes, Comrade Cowen 175 votes, Comrade Johnson 26 votes. So Comrade Hopkins, having received a majority of all the votes cast, I declare him elected as surgeon general for the ensuing term.

Comrade JOHNSON. I make the motion that the election of Comrade Hopkins be made unanimous.

(Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief HAWK. It is moved and seconded that the election of Comrade Hopkins as surgeon general be made unanimous. All in favor of it say "Aye." Contrary, "No." The ayes have it, and so ordered.



Next is chaplain in chief. We will receive nominations as fast as you can, comrades. Bring out your candidates for chaplain in chief now. Remember, if you don't elect we will continue the same chaplain in chief right along. He is absent. He was called away a few minutes ago.

Comrade PATRICK H. CONEY, of Kansas. I move you that the present chaplain be reelected chaplain in chief of the Grand Army.

(Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief HAWK. The comrade moves that the present chaplain in chief be elected for the coming year.

Comrade CHARLES W. BLODGETT, of Ohio. Commander, there could be no better choice than Doctor Gibson. He is in every way efficient, and, as you know, to-day he is the chaplain in the Dayton Home, and he has been compelled to go there, to leave before our encampment closed, on account of duties that are calling him there. I heartily second it.

I move that the rules be suspended and that the adjutant general be requested to cast the vote of this encampment for Doctor Gibson for chaplain in chief.

Comrade H. I. MERRILL, of Kansas. I second that motion.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, you have heard the motion that the rules be suspended and the adjutant general cast the entire vote of this encampment for Comrade Gibson for chaplain in chief. All that are in favor of that also will say "Aye." Is there a "No"? The ayes have it, and Comrade Gibson is unanimously elected as chaplain in chief.

Now, comrades, there is one more to be elected. There will be a vacancy in the trustees of the permanent fund. Doctor Arensberg's term expires. We will hear nominations to fill that.

Comrade SAMUEL P. TOWN, of Pennsylvania. I move that Doctor Arensberg be elected.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrade Town nominates Doctor Arensberg as trustee of the permanent fund. Are there any other nominations?

Comrade TOWN. I move that the adjutant general cast the vote.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrade Town moves that the rules be suspended and that the election of Comrade Arensberg be made unanimous as trustee. All in favor? Contrary, "No."

(Carried.)

Comrade SILAS H. TOWLER, of Minnesota. I move that the names of the council of administration be read and that the council be confirmed by this encampment.

Commander in Chief HAWK. The assistant adjutant general will read the names of the council.

Assistant Adjutant General Steadman then read the following list of nominations for the national council of administration:

Alabama: George F. Jackson, Birmingham.

Arkansas: Cos Altenberg, Little Rock.

California and Nevada: William H. Noll, Los Angeles.

Colorado and Wyoming: William Wilson, Denver.

Connecticut: Adrian P. Sloan, Hartford.

Delaware: (No report.)

Florida: William Jubb, St. Petersburg.

Georgia and South Carolina: Henry Bruner, Fitzgerald, Ga.

Idaho: C. L. Longley, Twin Falls.

Illinois: William P. Wright, Chicago.  
 Indiana: David N. Foster, Fort Wayne.  
 Iowa: Oley Nelson, Slater.  
 Kansas: E. W. Phillips, Wichita.  
 Kentucky: M. H. Davidson, Louisville.  
 Louisiana and Mississippi: John Sagustus, Vicksburg.  
 Maine: Nathaniel W. White, Augusta.  
 Maryland: George Prechtel, Baltimore.  
 Massachusetts: Henry Clark, North Cambridge.  
 Michigan: Albert Dunham, Lansing.  
 Minnesota: Silas H. Towler, Minneapolis.  
 Missouri: A. Whipple, St. Louis.  
 Montana: George I. Reiche, Helena.  
 Nebraska: Edwin F. Brown, Lincoln.  
 New Hampshire: H. S. Paul, Portsmouth.  
 New Jersey: W. O. Allen, Newark.  
 New Mexico: (No report.)  
 New York: Louis H. LaVallee, Delmar.  
 North Dakota: Charles Cotter, Fargo.  
 Ohio: E. F. Taggart, Akron.  
 Oklahoma: L. C. Coffin, Elgin.  
 Oregon: Charles S. Baker, Portland.  
 Pennsylvania: W. F. Hambright, Lancaster.  
 Potomac: John Middleton, Washington.  
 Rhode Island: Samuel A. Wheldon, East Providence.  
 South Dakota: H. P. Carson, Huron.  
 Tennessee: (Not represented in encampment.)  
 Texas: Edwin N. Ketchum, Galveston.  
 Utah: J. M. Van Dervoort, Salt Lake City.  
 Vermont: John A. Thwing, Bellows Falls.  
 Virginia and North Carolina: H. W. House, Portsmouth.  
 Washington and Alaska: J. E. Gandy, Spokane.  
 West Virginia: S. R. Hanen, Glen Easton.  
 Wisconsin: Henry C. Eaton, Fond du Lac.

Commander in Chief **HAWK**. Comrades, you have heard the names of the comrades selected by the departments. It is moved, comrades, that they receive the vote of this encampment. All in favor of that will say "Aye." Contrary, "No." And the comrades whose names have been read are elected members of the national council.

I want to take this moment to introduce to you your surgeon general, Comrade Hopkins, of California.

Comrade **S. W. HOPKINS**. Commander in chief and comrades. I certainly feel under obligations to many of you. Several of you voted for me, I am sure, that were not personally acquainted with me. I had no thought of running for the office until I came here. At the last moment my friend Charles Haskins suggested to me that it would be a good plan for me to run for surgeon general. I said, "Very well. I hadn't thought about it." And then when we got together with our delegation they decided that I must run. I made a quiet canvass around. I really didn't know there was anyone else to come up for surgeon till they were named here. But I appreciate all the votes and will try to treat all of you. Doctors are not supposed to make speeches but to issue medicine. I am always at your service. Thank you.

Commander in Chief **HAWK**. Comrades, we are almost through. I want one report of one committee—the committee on legislation. I appointed them late, after the meeting yesterday, and I have asked if they are ready to report. I will be pleased to hear from the committee on the report of the committee on legislation, of which Comrade Walsh is chairman.



Past Commander in Chief FRANK A. WALSH. Your committee on the report of the committee on legislation beg leave to report as follows. I will read it, with your permission:

DENVER, COLO., September 20, 1928.

Comrade ELBRIDGE L. HAWK.

*Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic, Denver, Colo.*

SIR: The committee appointed by you to report upon the report of the legislative committee, submit the following:

They have carefully examined the said report and also have given close attention to your address, in which you deal with the same matter. We are of the opinion that the legislative committee acted wisely and secured the best result possible to obtain, and we commend their services.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK A. WALSH.  
 SILAS H. TOWLER,  
 FRANK O. COLE,  
*Committee.*

I move its adoption. (Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief HAWK. You have heard the report of the committee as read to you by Past Commander in Chief Walsh. All that are in favor of accepting this report will say "Aye." Contrary, "No." The ayes have it and it is therefore ordered.

Now, comrades, is there any other business to come before this encampment before we proceed to the installation?

Comrade SILAS H. TOWLER, of Minnesota (reading):

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., September 14, 1928.

*Sixty-second National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, Denver, Colo.*

COMRADES: The Sixty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic held at Grand Rapids, Mich., September 15-16, 1927, by resolution duly adopted, appointed a committee and directed the making and presenting of a testimonial expressive of the esteem in which the retiring commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Frank A. Walsh, is held by his comrades.

And in accordance with said resolution, your committee respectfully reports that it caused to be prepared such a testimonial in the form of an illuminated panel, hand wrought in gold and oil colors on parchment paper, covered with glass for protection, and framed in hand-carved gold frame, in size approximately 16 by 20 inches.

The testimonial includes a portrait of Commander Walsh made when he entered the Union Army, and a portrait of him made last year, and also the emblem of our order.

A photograph taken of this testimonial is herewith attached and made a part of this report. It was the intention of your committee to personally present said testimonial to Past Commander in Chief Walsh at Christmas time at his home in Milwaukee, but owing to the serious illness of two members of your committee this was not done, and the testimonial was forwarded to Comrade Walsh direct.

Respectfully submitted.

ELL TORRANCE.  
 SILAS H. TOWLER,  
 S. R. VAN SANT.

I move the adoption of the report. (Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, you have heard the report made by the committee. All in favor of its adoption will say "Aye." Contrary "No." The ayes have it, and it is so adopted.

Is there any other business to come before this sixty-second encampment? If not, we will proceed to the installation of the incoming officers. I want to thank the comrades—



# TESTIMONIAL

Comrade Frank A. Walsh

Grand Army of the Republic

When I was admitted by every Comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic to the ranks of fourteen years with the consent of your widowed Mother you entered the Service of our Country. As Private Barker you served in Company H, Sixty-second Regiment Illinois Infantry. In your entry to Civil Life you with persistent industry and intelligent effort were the word of this world's goodly and retaining of ones the respect and good will of your Associates. As a Citizen you have been distinguished by Patriotism and Uprightness and with glowing approval of your Comrades you have shown fidelity and devotion to the best interests of the Grand Army of the Republic and with unswerving purpose you have preserved and exalted the Principles and the good Record of our Glorious Order. Among your many illustrious predecessors in office none has excelled you in Courage and Fidelity. May you be spared for many years in the Land which your Valor helped to save.

The 11th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 15-27, 1927, by Resolution duly adopted, appointed a Committee and directed the making and presenting of a Testimonial expressive of the esteem in which the retiring Comrade-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Frank A. Walsh, is held by his Comrades.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Post Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic

Post Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic

Post Junior Vice-Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic





Comrade H. B. STEWARD, of California and Nevada. I just ask a question. A year ago there was a committee to investigate John McElroy and what he did with money that he had collected of the comrades and of the widows, in reference to the Bursum case. There has been no report made.

Adjutant General WILLIAM H. NOLL. There was no such committee appointed.

Commander in Chief HAWK. I think there was no such committee as mentioned by the comrade.

Comrade SAMUEL P. TOWN, of Pennsylvania, for the committee appointed to visit the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I wish to say that that duty was performed. The visit was made and we were graciously and hospitably received and welcomed.

Comrade SILAS H. TOWLER, of Minnesota. Members of the council of administration, as soon as the national encampment is closed, will please come at once to the platform for the meeting of the new council to take such measures as are usual and necessary for the work of the encampment. So as soon as the encampment is closed you will please come down to the platform.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, now the year has passed and I again thank you for the indulgence you have given me and the kindness you have extended to me during my term. I deliver over the gavel to the senior past commander in chief, Comrade Torrance, who will install the officers elect.

Past Commander in Chief ELL TORRANCE. It will now be in order for the installation of the officers you have just elected. I will name Past Junior Vice Commander in Chief Silas H. Towler as officer of the day.

Comrade TOWLER. I present to you Comrade Reese, elected commander in chief, Comrade Jewel, Comrade Kearney, and Comrade Hopkins. After the installation of the commander in chief he will name his personal staff.

Past Commander in Chief TORRANCE. Comrade Reese, you have been elected commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. The organization is small in numbers, but in influence and in the principles for which it stands it is as great as ever it was. It is a great honor to be commander in chief of this order. It places a great responsibility upon the shoulders of the comrade upon whom that honor rests. During the year you are expected to give your undivided service to the Grand Army of the Republic. Are you prepared to enter upon the duties of that office in the spirit which I have intimated?

Comrade REESE. I am.

The oath of office was then administered to the incoming commander in chief.

Past Commander in Chief TORRANCE. Have you any appointments to make at this time?

Comrade REESE. Quartermaster general, Cola D. R. Stowits; adjutant general, Thomas J. Smith; chief of staff, George A. Hosley; assistant quartermaster general and custodian of records, Samuel P. Town.

Comrade TOWLER. Comrade Commander in Chief, Comrades Jewel, Kearney, Hopkins, Smith, Stowits, Town, and Hosley present them-



selves for installation as officers of the ensuing national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. They are ready for installation.

The following elective and appointive officers were then duly installed:

Senior vice commander in chief, James E. Jewel, Fort Morgan, Colo.

Junior vice commander in chief, Henry J. Kearney, New York City.

Surgeon general, S. W. Hopkins, Lodi, Calif.

Adjutant general, Thomas J. Smith, McCook, Nebr.

Quartermaster general, Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.

Assistant quartermaster general and custodian of records, Samuel P. Town, Philadelphia, Pa.

Chief of staff, George A. Hosley, West Somerville, Mass.

Past Commander in Chief TORRANCE. Now. I had the pleasure 27 years ago of pinning on the breast of Commander in Chief Reese a department badge. When I was commander in chief he was elected commander of the Department of Nebraska, and I was present at the encampment and pinned the badge upon his breast. He remembers that well, and so do I, and it is a happy incident that I stand here to-day to pin the badge of commander in chief upon his breast. I also present you this emblem of authority, a beautiful gavel. You will not have to use it much, but whenever necessary, use it and use it with kindness.

Comrade REESE. I will do that, Past Commander in Chief Torrance. I well remember when you pinned the badge of past department commander on my breast, 27 years ago.

Officer of the Day TOWLER. Comrades, I desire to make a proclamation, that the officers elected and appointed for the ensuing year have been duly installed into office. Take notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly.

Past Commander in Chief TORRANCE. I now present to you, comrades, your commander in chief. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief JOHN REESE. Comrades, I appreciate this honor more than I can command words to tell you. I am just commencing on my administration, and I desire the cooperation of every comrade. In unity there is strength, and I hope that I may not be a disappointment to you who have put confidence in me, but I may conduct myself so that it will be an honor to me as well as the department.

I will call on many comrades to help me during the coming administration, but I know and feel that I will have the assistance of any of you when called upon. I hope to meet you in your homes. I will try to visit as many departments as I can—perhaps not all—but will try and arrange so as to have the dates set so that I can visit you without traveling too far distant from one department to another.

I will be glad to have your counsel, your advice on any question that you may have in your minds as to what I ought to do for the best interests of our grand order. That will be my aim, to do that which will be for the best interests of the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied organizations throughout the coming year. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the great honor that you have bestowed upon me, and I realize the responsibility that I have to come up to meet your expectations. I will try to do that to the best of my ability. Thank you.

Now, comrades, is there anything further to come before this encampment? If not, a motion to adjourn would be in order. It has been moved and seconded to adjourn. All those in favor of the motion say "Aye." Contrary, "No." I declare the sixty-second encampment closed.

Council of administration: If it is convenient for them, they can meet at this time, or we will have a meeting at the Grand Army headquarters, at the Brown Palace Hotel, at 8 o'clock. Comrades, there will be a meeting of the council of administration at the headquarters, at the Brown Palace Hotel, at 8 o'clock this evening. Please all be in attendance.

(Whereupon, at 4.20 o'clock p. m., Thursday, September 20, 1928, the sixty-second national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic stood adjourned.)





# REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND OF COMMITTEES

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CALVIN A. BRAINARD  
Senior Vice Commander in Chief





SAMUEL E. MAHAN  
Junior Vice Commander in Chief

## REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

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ROCHESTER, N. Y., *July 16, 1928.*

WILLIAM H. NOLL,

*Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic,  
Sacramento, Calif.*

MY DEAR COMRADE: In accordance with custom I herewith submit my report for the past year.

While it has been my desire at all times to assist our commander in chief in every way possible, it has been a pleasure to realize his ability to personally carry good cheer and encouragement to so many department encampments and to know that every request made of me was by reason of conflicting dates.

In the early part of the year I decided to spend the winter months in Florida, and took advantage of my official position to visit, in company with the department commander and assistant adjutant general, several of the Florida posts, all of which accorded me a hearty reception. I attended the department encampment at Tampa on April 12 by instructions from the commander in chief, and was impressed with the hospitality and good cheer of the comrades and allied organizations. Surely Florida is to be congratulated for its devoted membership and for having the second largest post in our national organization.

I greatly regretted my inability to comply with the request of the commander in chief to visit the department encampments of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire during the early part of April, but I was compensated by the knowledge that my good friend, Past Commander in Chief Lewis S. Pilcher, had consented to go in my place.

As patriotic instructor for Erie County, N. Y., I devoted the month of May to that work. As the representative of the commander in chief I attended the Michigan encampment at Kalamazoo, June 6, 7, and 8, and the Indiana encampment at Columbus, June 18 to 21. Both these encampments were highly successful and accorded me a most hearty reception. I feel it my duty to especially commend the people of Columbus for a most successful and patriotic entertainment and parade, as their entire population seemed to be devoted to the care of the Grand Army and all allied organizations.

I take this opportunity to thank the entire membership of the Grand Army of the Republic for the honor conferred on me by my election, and especially the commander in chief, for many courtesies during the entire year.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

CALVIN A. BRAINARD,  
*Senior Vice Commander in Chief.*



## REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

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ST. PAUL, MINN., *July 25, 1928.*

WILLIAM H. NOLL,

*Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.*

MY DEAR COMRADE: Having been honored by my comrades by election as junior vice commander in chief at the national encampment at Grand Rapids, Mich., in 1927, I herewith submit my report.

My services to the boys have not been as I had hoped. I had but one call from the commander in chief, to represent him at the Illinois Department Encampment. It came at a time when my brother, I. L. Mahan, also a past department commander of the Minnesota Department, was seriously sick, and I could not leave, which was a source of regret to me, as I should have been pleased to be with the boys of the adjoining State of my boyhood. My brother passed away June 17 in his eighty-seventh year.

I was pleased to have our commander in chief attend our department encampment in Minnesota and to be able to accompany him on his visitations at that time. We all appreciated him very much.

I have accepted all calls from Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and can assure you that they are all doing good work in Minnesota. I was also the guest of the Forty and Eight at a banquet in honor of Pelham St. George Bissell, Chef de Chemin de Fer, and accepted many invitations from the United Spanish War Veterans and World War boys.

In closing I want to thank the comrades for the honor conferred on me, and assure them of my desire at all times to be of service or comfort. I am still one of them, and my best wishes and energy shall continue to one and all.

May God bless you all.

Yours in F., C., and L.,

SAMUEL E. MAHAN,  
*Junior Vice Commander in Chief.*

## REPORT OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

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WASHINGTON, D. C., *July 20, 1928.*

Comrade ELBRIDGE L. HAWK,

*Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,  
Sacramento, Calif.*

MY DEAR COMRADE: As surgeon general of the Grand Army of the Republic I have the honor to submit my report covering the period from September 18, 1927, to the present date.

First of all I express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by my comrades of the Sixty-first National Encampment in electing me to the honorable position I now occupy. I regard this action on their part as a manifestation of comradly good will and esteem. The duties of my office have been far from arduous, and, in fact, have been very light. I would state, however, that I have endeavored to be of service to my comrades and their widows, and thus I have not been by any means idle. I have been very actively engaged also in looking after the interests of the Department of the Potomac, Grand Army of the Republic, in my position as assistant adjutant general, and have been enabled to perform a great deal of valuable service therein, which gave me much pleasure and satisfaction. I may say that it has always been my desire and practice to render good and useful service, in the interests not only of the Grand Army but also of the other patriotic organizations associated therewith.

Every loyal member of the Grand Army of the Republic should be devoted to the practice each day of its fundamental principles, instilled into every member of the order—fraternity, charity, and loyalty—in order to secure the greatest good to the greatest number.

To you, Commander in Chief, I desire to express my deep gratitude for the kindness and courtesy extended to me and the confidence shown in me by honoring me on two different occasions by appointing me to represent you in attending a meeting of the congressional committee of the National Capital to consider the proposition to retire the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteers and place the home under the supervision of the Veterans' Bureau, which formed the subject of a protest contained in a resolution presented to the Sixty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, which was duly adopted. I was present at the Capitol of the United States on the date set for the hearing of this proposition referred to, but no meeting was held, action on the matter having been deferred until some future date, and no action has since been taken. I may state that I was in full accord with the resolution of protest at the Sixty-first National Encampment, and had a meeting been held I would have used my most earnest efforts in opposition to the proposed change.



Again at your request I had the honor and pleasure of representing you at the Fifty-second Annual Encampment of the Department of Maryland, held in the city of Baltimore on April 2, 1924, and was received with marked courtesy and in the most comradely manner possible. Upon the request of the commander of the department, Comrade George T. Leach, I addressed the encampment briefly and extended to the comrades your greetings and best wishes for the success of the encampment.

On the evening of the same date I attended the banquet given by the department at which there was present a large number of the comrades as well as many members of the various allied or associated patriotic organizations of the State of Maryland, including the mayor of the city of Baltimore and many other distinguished guests. It was a very enjoyable occasion and a very pleasant gathering and there was an excellent program of exercises rendered. As your representative I was called upon to deliver the principal address on that occasion. In this address I reviewed briefly the history of each organization referred to and paid each one of them a tribute for the splendid patriotic service rendered by them, both to our country and in the cause of patriotism and beneficence.

The duty of a good doctor, ever mindful of the welfare of his patients, is primarily to give those patients appropriate treatment and good advice as to the proper mode of living. As surgeon general I take the liberty of offering a few suggestions respecting the maintenance of good health and tranquillity of mind, which is an important factor in good health and qualifies a man for more useful service to his fellow beings.

I shall first refer to the maintenance of good health. To secure and maintain good health we should follow certain rules which are essential thereto and which, if followed each day, will not only secure good health or an improvement in one's physical condition, but also contribute to our peace of mind, happiness, and usefulness to our country and be a blessing to our fellow-beings.

The following rules, if faithfully adhered to, will, I believe, accomplish the results desired:

(a) Be temperate and moderate in every indulgence. Partake only of such articles of food as from experience may be found satisfactory to our bodily needs. Eat only such quantities of food as our readily be digested. Do not cater to taste but heed the ability of the stomach and sometimes to digest the food. Limit your meals to three a day at regular and proper intervals. Give a chance to the stomach to rest between meals. (For a period of eight years I have eaten food but twice per day and feel much improved by this practice.) Eat collections of fruits, vegetables, cereals, and whole-wheat bread as may be required and sparingly of meat. In my opinion, once each day is often enough for elderly persons to eat meat. Eggs are to be preferred if they agree with the individual.

(b) Drink plenty of water at intervals during the day; no ardent in the morning and retiring at night drink one or two glasses of water; drink sparingly of coffee and tea. Milk is preferable to either and more beneficial.

(c) Sleep or rest in bed at least eight hours each day and do not encourage excitement of mind or planning for the duties of the next day while at rest in bed.

(d) Take daily exercise, preferably walking in the sunlight when the temperature is not high; otherwise keep in the shade, but do not exercise beyond your physical strength. Walk erect and take deep inhalations of air that the lower vesicles of the lungs may receive their due share of the air you breathe.

(e) Keep the body clean, inside and out. Take a tepid or mildly cold bath each morning and a moderately hot bath twice a week, using soap. After bathing, massage and exercise the various muscles of the body.



HENRY A. JOHNSON  
Surgeon General





J. KING GIBSON  
Chaplain in Chief

(f) Keep your teeth clean by brushing them after each meal and before retiring at night. Consult a dentist at least twice each year. Also wash your hands before meals, using soap.

(g) Pay strict attention to the calls of nature. Keep the intestinal canal and urinary tract in good working order. A mild laxative, to relieve constipation, is occasionally necessary. The intestinal canal is the sewer of the body, and should be flushed out when necessary. A free use of water and suitable articles of diet and a regular response to the calls of nature will insure a free and regular passage each day of accumulations from the intestinal and urinary tracts and the proper disposal of all waste products.

(h) Avoid accidents, both at home and on the highway, by proper precautions. In ascending or descending stairs always take hold of the banisters and do not let go until you have reached the top or bottom of the stairs. Do not run a race with street cars, automobiles, trucks, or steam railroad trains. Wait until you are satisfied that it is perfectly safe to attempt to cross a public highway. We are admonished to "Stop, look, and listen" before attempting to cross, and it is most excellent advice and should be followed.

I shall now consider the question of mental health, or tranquillity of mind, in which good health is so important a factor and which is, in turn, a very necessary condition of good health.

(a) In your intercourse with your fellow beings try to be cheerful and courteous. In doing so you will not only add to your own happiness and theirs, but also gain a friend. Unjust criticisms, quarrels, and betrayals of confidence gain for us the enmity of the one we thus mistreat and disturb our own equanimity of mind. The Golden Rule of the Savior of mankind, to "Do unto others as we would have them do unto us," if strictly adhered to in our daily intercourse with others will insure us many friends and few enemies, besides assuring us tranquillity of mind.

(b) Selfishness, envy, and lack of courtesy and honesty go to form the great curse of the human race and are the cause of the many woes of mankind. We should, with the help of God, endeavor to overcome these great evils.

(c) In our helpfulness of mankind, we should be actuated solely by altruistic principles. In your activities for the benefit of your fellow beings do not expect recompense for the good deeds you do for the benefit of others, but only their appreciation and gratitude for our kindly deeds in their behalf.

My comrades, we have cause to be grateful to God for his many blessings bestowed upon us. Let us show this gratitude to Him by living an upright, honorable, and useful life, so that when we have reached the end of life's journey we can look back over well-spent lives and useful deeds in the service of God and humanity, passing on at last with peace in our hearts and minds and with the hope of a blessed immortality.

Let us, while living, stand together as comrades and practice assiduously the great principles of our beloved order and realize at the end of our useful lives that we have not lived in vain.

Sincerely in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

HENRY A. JOHNSON, M. D.,

*Surgeon General.*



## REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF

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NATIONAL MILITARY HOME,  
Dayton, Ohio, July 18, 1928.

Comrade ELBRIDGE L. HAWK,  
*Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.*

DEAR COMRADE: Our organization is changing rapidly. In years gone by we were numbered by the thousands; now we count our hundreds. Not only this, but we are fast approaching the period mentioned by the sacred writer, "And the strong men shall bow themselves." In this there is no occasion for gloom; as brave men we face the future without fear.

As chaplain in chief I have tried to perform the task assigned, but my report is meager. Our worthy adjutant general has somewhat comforted me, however, in the words, "I don't imagine that you have been very successful in securing reports from the department chaplains. It is getting to be a burden for some of the old boys to make out reports, and they don't seem to want to let some one else do it." Here is the situation in a nutshell.

It would be unfair to ourselves to attempt to set forth our real history from the very few reports which have come to my office, though some of them have been prepared with the greatest care. There is indeed a certain pathos in the outlook; it sets forth a heroic struggle against the ravages of time, the wasting strength of days that are numbered. The same will holds out, the same love is cherished, but the flesh is weak. One department says through its chaplain, "My report is incomplete because some of our posts are reduced to two or three comrades each, and these are very feeble." And yet in the midst of decline there is abundant evidence of a conscientious effort to keep up the old order; to cherish the comradeship and to do the work appointed when our organization set out upon its mission some 60 years ago. One report deserves special attention: The case of the Department of Georgia and South Carolina. A total of 26,000 graves were decorated in the vicinity of Atlanta and Andersonville, the resting places of the greatest sufferers of the Civil War. While no reference is made in the report of this year to the National Cemetery at Florence, a report of last year which came to my hand says that no service of any kind was held there because of lack of funds. It is my only recommendation that our encampment sends its greeting to the Department of Georgia and South Carolina, and the offer of any needed help which we can give.

Our statistics show that, as in the past, we are greatly indebted to our various auxiliary bodies for the strength which they impart to our weakening hands—a history of patriotism which could not be written in many books. Pains have been taken to provide preach-

ers and pulpits for the opening Sunday of our encampment, and it is our hope that results will prove a worthy part of our meetings.

I hereby record my deep appreciation of the cooperation of the department chaplains and of headquarters officers. To have been a member of the staff of 1927-28 is an honor which I shall cherish to the end of my life, and with it comes a new meaning in the golden words, "Fraternity, charity, and loyalty."

In closing I use the strong words of Lord Tennyson:

Tho' much is taken, much abides, and tho'  
We are not now the strength which in old days  
Moved earth and heaven; that which we are, we are;  
One equal temper of heroic hearts,  
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will.

Respectfully submitted.

J. KING GIBSON, *Chaplain in Chief.*



## REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

SACRAMENTO, CALIF., August 1, 1928.

ELBRIDGE L. HAWK,

*Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.*

MY DEAR COMMANDER: During my tenure of office as adjutant general I have endeavored to perform the duties required of me as prescribed by the rules and regulations, and in accordance with your orders and the orders of previous national encampments.

Time and the unique structure of our organization have set a limit to the number remaining eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. If the 60 per cent of Civil War soldiers still on the pension roll who are not enrolled in the Grand Army of the Republic, would, prompted by gratitude, if by no other motive, rally around our standard, the life expectancy of our wonderful order would be greatly lengthened. Facts and figures are stubborn things. This is shown by the "Consolidated Report of Posts and Membership" and by the following summary:

	Members	Posts
In good standing Dec. 31, 1926-----	38, 801	2, 998
Gains: By muster, transfer, and reinstatements-----	86	11
	38, 887	3, 009
Losses: By death, honorable discharge, transfer, delin- quent reports, and surrender of charter-----	6, 273	219
In good standing Dec. 31, 1927-----	32, 614	2, 790
Net loss for the year-----	6, 187	208

While it might be expected that because of increasing age and infirmities the percentage of loss in membership might increase each year, it is gratifying to note that the loss this year of 6,187 members is but 15.9 per cent, whereas last year, with a loss of 8,378, the percentage was 17.7. This is indeed encouraging.

The trend leading toward dissolution could be retarded to some extent if all post and department officers would strive to look up isolated comrades and members of disbanding posts and induce them to join some existing post in their department, or be enrolled as members at large in their respective departments. As a member at large the sum of \$1 per year remitted to the assistant adjutant general will keep a comrade in good standing on the rolls. I respectfully urge all assistant adjutants general to keep and build up their roll of membership at large as stipulated by the rules and regulations. Some depart-

ments are active in this respect, but the majority of the departments appear to have neglected this provision of the rules. A broader consideration of this subject leads up to the question: What is to become the status of permanent members of the national encampment living in certain departments, particularly in the South, that are at the point of extinction for lack of sufficient working members?

As a subject for consideration by the committee on rules and regulations of the Sixty-second National Encampment I would recommend the adoption of an amendment requiring national headquarters to keep a roll of members at large for the benefit of such comrades as might lose their membership by reason of the dissolution of their departments. For registry on the proposed roll, such members should be required to pay annually as dues the sum of \$1 (or more) to be remitted direct to the adjutant general at national headquarters.

The successful dispatch of all office work demanded at national headquarters, extreme in its variety, is due entirely to the rare ability and ripe experience of the headquarters secretary, Miss Katharine R. A. Flood. For valuable assistance and wise counsel I extend to her my grateful thanks.

This report would exhibit a lack of appreciation if it failed to mention the unselfish service given these headquarters by Mr. E. W. Lynch, of the California State Treasurer's office. As an expert penman he engrossed over 400 aide-de-camp commissions. His patriotic impulses and high esteem for the Union soldiers of the Civil War prompted him to do this work, in his spare hours, free of charge.

For courteous support, assistance, and advice, I am indebted to Quartermaster General Stowits, Assistant Quartermaster General Town, Assistant Adjutant General Steadman, Chief of Staff Hosley, and many other comrades in and out of office.

As the time is drawing near, my dear commander in chief, when the responsibilities of your office will be transferred to your successor, it gives me the opportunity to place on record my deep appreciation of the unfailing courtesy and many acts of kindness you have granted me, and to express my sincere thanks for the high honor conferred by my appointment as your adjutant general.

As long as memory may bless me it will recall with delight a series of brilliant receptions given you in our adopted State of California at which I was privileged to be present.

The mind's eye still views the places that gave you signal honor: Sacramento, California State Veterans' Home, Santa Rosa, San Francisco, San Diego, Los Angeles, and the National Soldiers' Home near by, all in California, with Salt Lake City, Utah, not to be overlooked.

As commander in chief you have exhibited wonderful energy, taken adverse criticism from a few quarters with equanimity, and in spite of criticism and unfavorable happenings your administration has scored a marked success in securing from Congress a measure of relief to the widows of Union soldiers of the Civil War.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

WILLIAM H. NOLL,  
*Adjutant General.*



*Consolidated report of posts and membership of the Grand Army of the Republic showing gains and losses for the year ending December 31, 1928*

Departments	Dec. 31, 1926		Dec. 31, 1927		Posts		Members	
	Posts	Mem- bers	Posts	Mem- bers	Gain	Loss	Gain	Loss
Alabama	2	26	2	24				2
Arkansas	6	70	5	62		1		8
California and Nevada	87	2, 984	85	2, 522		2		462
Colorado and Wyoming	31	546	31	448				98
Connecticut	46	538	46	445				93
Delaware	5	48	5	58			10	
Florida	12	386	12	346				40
Georgia and South Caro- lina	6	31	4	18		2		13
Idaho	12	165	12	149				16
Illinois	248	3, 178	232	2, 668		16		510
Indiana	141	2, 003	138	1, 717		3		286
Iowa	188	2, 168	167	1, 770		21		398
Kansas	198	2, 092	181	1, 686		17		406
Kentucky	31	269	32	269	1			
Louisiana and Mississippi	9	63	6	63		3		
Maine	62	539	60	482		2		57
Maryland	17	255	16	214		1		41
Massachusetts	152	2, 179	149	1, 809		3		370
Michigan	101	1, 415	84	1, 114		17		301
Minnesota	94	757	85	632		9		125
Missouri	73	950	67	776		6		174
Montana	10	121	10	116				5
Nebraska	97	900	88	749		9		151
New Hampshire	43	341	42	286		1		55
New Jersey	43	519	37	452		6		67
New Mexico	2	21	2	20				1
New York	296	3, 504	277	2, 918		19		586
North Dakota	11	75	14	60	3			15
Ohio	294	3, 872	242	3, 133		52		739
Oklahoma	33	386	32	282		1		104
Oregon	37	712	37	614				98
Pennsylvania	273	3, 869	262	3, 375		11		494
Potomac	6	266	5	225		1		41
Rhode Island	19	244	19	206				38
South Dakota	23	89	25	165	2		76	
Tennessee	12	128	11	108		1		20
Texas	8	89	8	73				16
Utah	4	65	4	52				13
Vermont	50	457	49	406		1		51
Virginia and North Caro- lina	14	133	14	133				
Washington and Alaska	45	779	50	747	5			32
West Virginia	22	300	16	204		6		96
Wisconsin	135	1, 269	127	1, 018		8		251
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WILLIAM H. NOLL  
Adjutant General





COLA D. R. STOWITS  
Quartermaster General

# REPORT OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

BUFFALO, N. Y., August 10, 1928.

ELBRIDGE L. HAWK,

*Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.*

DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF: I submit herewith my official report as quartermaster general for the term ending August 10, 1928.

Despite the ever-decreasing membersip of the Grand Army of the Republic and the falling off in revenue from the per capita tax (which is now only 3½ cents per member), our financial condition at the end of this term is fairly good. The overhead expenses continue on about the same percentage as in former years. While the membership is smaller, the number of posts now in the order necessitates the issuing of a good supply of general orders, etc., and almost the same amount of traveling and correspondence as heretofore.

It was necessary to call upon the permanent fund during the present term to meet current expenses, and it is evident that we shall be obliged to make another requisition upon that fund to carry us through the next administration. We see no way of making a decided reduction in our operating expense account if it be our desire to maintain the dignity and standing of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We are very grateful to our loyal auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, for their generous contributions during the term, and also to our allied societies that have assisted us financially and otherwise to carry on our work.

And now, my dear commander, you will please accept my personal congratulations and full appreciation of your splendid efforts in behalf of our grand order. The memory of my official relations with you and my associate officers and comrades will always be a pleasure.

Yours in F., C., and L.,

COLA D. R. STOWITS,  
*Quartermaster General.*

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

*Transcript of books, August 10 to September 30, 1927*

Cash balance in all funds as reported to the sixty-first national encampment-----	\$10,267.01
Subsequent receipts:	
Sale of supplies-----	\$57.15
Woman's Relief Corps-----	1,000.00
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War-----	1,500.00
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War-----	800.00
Sons of Veterans Auxiliary-----	500.00
Ladies of the G. A. R.-----	15.00
Refund from Department of Georgia and South Carolina-----	100.00
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	3,972.15
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	14,239.16
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## Disbursements:

Supplies	\$195.00	
Traveling	258.40	
Salaries	558.40	
Expenses	1,189.68	
		<u>\$2,201.48</u>

Total cash in all funds Sept. 30, 1927 12,037.68

## To be divided as follows:

General fund	8,941.76	
Southern memorial fund	3,095.92	
		<u>12,037.68</u>

## ACCOUNT CURRENT

*Debit*

Cash received for term ending Aug. 10, 1928: Balance in all funds as reported in the supplemental report Sept. 30, 1927 12,037.68

## Subsequent receipts:

Sale of supplies	\$940.42	
Per capita tax	1,143.73	
Southern memorial fund	106.00	
Refund account lost check	68.94	
From permanent fund	5,000.00	
Woman's Relief Corps	1,000.00	
Refund from Florida	20.00	
Refund from Tennessee	9.00	
Interest from bank to July 1, 1928	231.17	
		<u>8,519.26</u>
		20,556.94

*Credit*

## Cash paid out for term ending Aug. 10, 1928:

Supplies	\$503.50	
Traveling	2,677.19	
Salaries	3,266.62	
Expenses	2,265.36	
Southern memorial fund	1,246.50	
		<u>9,959.17</u>

Total cash in all funds Aug. 10, 1928 10,597.77

## To be credited as follows:

General fund	8,642.35	
Southern memorial fund	1,955.42	
		<u>10,597.77</u>

*Statement of total number of posts and membership, sale of supplies, per capita tax, Southern memorial fund, interest, etc., for term ending August 10, 1928*

Departments	Posts	Mem- bers	Supplies	Per capita tax	Southern memorial fund	General fund
Alabama.....	2	24	\$1. 00	\$0. 84		
Arkansas.....	5	62		2. 17		
California and Nevada.....	85	2, 522	75. 55	89. 27		
Colorado and Wyoming.....	31	448	4. 00	15. 68		
Connecticut.....	46	445	32. 70	15. 58		
Delaware.....	5	58		2. 28		
Florida.....	12	346	14. 88	12. 11		
Georgia and South Carolina.....	4	18		1. 37		
Idaho.....	12	129	2. 00	5. 22		
Illinois.....	232	2, 668	25. 80	93. 38		
Indiana.....	138	1, 714	26. 43	60. 10		
Iowa.....	167	1, 770	64. 55	61. 95		
Kansas.....	181	1, 686	16. 50	59. 01		
Kentucky.....	32	269	2. 90	9. 42		
Louisiana and Mississippi.....	6	63	4. 00	2. 21		
Maine.....	60	482	6. 00	16. 87		
Maryland.....	16	214	5. 05	7. 49		
Massachusetts.....	149	1, 809	56. 45	63. 32		
Michigan.....	84	1, 114	27. 43	38. 99		
Minnesota.....	85	532	1. 00	22. 12		
Missouri.....	67	776	14. 00	27. 16		
Montana.....	10	115	5. 00	4. 00		
Nebraska.....	88	749	5. 50	26. 22		
New Hampshire.....	42	286		10. 01		
New Jersey.....	37	452	15. 95	15. 86		
New Mexico.....	2	20		. 70		
New York.....	277	2, 918	52. 90	102. 13		
North Dakota.....	14	60	. 50	2. 10		
Ohio.....	242	3, 133	44. 68	109. 66		
Oklahoma.....	32	282	7. 30	10. 00		
Oregon.....	37	614	12. 50	21. 49		
Pennsylvania.....	262	3, 375	70. 05	118. 12		
Potomac.....	5	225		7. 88		
Rhode Island.....	19	206	9. 55	7. 21		
South Dakota.....	25	165		5. 78		
Tennessee.....	11	108		3. 78		
Texas.....	8	73		2. 55		
Utah.....	4	52		1. 82		
Vermont.....	49	406	1. 80	14. 21		
Virginia and North Carolina.....	14	133		4. 75		
Washington and Alaska.....	50	748	24. 10	26. 15		
West Virginia.....	16	204		7. 14		
Wisconsin.....	127	1, 018	5. 35	35. 63		
Aides-de-camp.....			305. 00			
Refund account lost check.....						\$68. 94
Refund from Georgia and South Carolina.....					\$106. 00	
Permanent fund.....						5, 000. 00
Woman's Relief Corps.....						1, 000. 00
Refund—Florida.....						20. 00
Refund—Tennessee.....						9. 00
Total.....	2, 790	32, 591	940. 42	1, 143. 73	106. 00	6, 097. 94



## Statement of disbursements for term ending August 10, 1928, by C. D. R. Stowits, Quartermaster General

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Salaries	Expense	Southern memorial fund
Oct. 3	1	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster-general, expenses to Washington, D. C., to attend Tanner funeral		\$95. 80			
6	2	Wagner-Taylor Co., premium on insurance on stock				\$15. 80	
	3	John Reese, jr., vice acting for commander in chief, encampment of department of Michigan (to replace check No. 103 of Aug. 8, 1927, which was lost)					
	4	Check from W. M. Scott of Department of Georgia and South Carolina, unpaid, and protest fees on same		68. 94			
25	5	American Surety Co., premium on bond of quartermaster general					\$101. 50
28	6	Robert W. Hill, chaplain, acting for Commander in Chief Walsh at meeting of American Legion at Philadelphia, Oct. 10, 1926				12. 50	
	7	William H. Noll, adjutant general, salary for October			\$100. 00	63. 15	
	8	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary, salary for October			150. 00		
Nov. 2	9	William H. Noll, adjutant general, express charges, postage, stenographic services, etc.				86. 62	
	10	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary: General Orders, No. 1				9. 84	
	11	Railroad fare, Newton to Sacramento Samuel P. Town, assistant quartermaster general: Salary for October		184. 38			
	12	Expense for October C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for October			25. 00	7. 00	
5		Expense, R. & R. extra work, etc.			41. 66		
7	13	A. N. Bullock, printing 6,500 General Orders, No. 2, envelopes, cards, blanks, etc.				18. 50	
18	14	Jos. K. Davison's Sons, 1 Pilcher badge and 100 officers' badges				205. 89	
	14½	Underwood Typewriter Co., 1 Underwood typewriter, \$83.03, less allowance on Remington typewriter, \$32.50	\$36. 00			50. 53	

30	15	W. H. Noll, adjutant general; Salary for November			100.00	14.18
		Expense for November				
		Travel for November		6.95	150.00	
	16	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary, salary for November			25.00	
	17	Samuel P. Town, assistant quartermaster general; Salary for November				7.92
		Expense for November				
	18	C. D. R. Howitt, quartermaster general; Salary for November			11.00	
		Expense for November				
	19	Town Printing Co.; 6,000 letter sheets				12.30
		4,200 letter extra				72.00
		2,000 blanks				38.25
						100.00
	20	E. L. Hawk, commander in chief, account travelling expenses	52.50	500.00		
	21	John K. Davidson's Bond, 150 officers' badges				
	22	W. H. Noll, adjutant general		4.50		
		Expenses attending Grandma's funeral				10.75
		Grandma's funeral flowers				25.90
		Expenses for November			150.00	
	23	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary, salary for December			100.00	
	24	W. H. Noll, adjutant general, salary for December				
	25	C. D. R. Howitt, quartermaster general; Salary for December			11.00	
		Expense, extra stenographer, etc.				11.25
	26	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary				
		To pay A. N. Bullock for 3,200 countersign cards				15.95
		To pay H. B. Crocker (Inc.), for 200 mailing labels				7.70
	27	C. D. R. Howitt, quartermaster general, expenses to Denver and return, 6 days				
	28	John K. Davidson's Bond, 100 secretary badges and out				
	29	Frank A. Walsh, past commander in chief, for editing journal of sixty first national encampment, by George A. Hammond	40.00	185.00		
	30	William F. Wright, executive committee, expenses to Denver and return, account national encampment		102.87		200.00



## Statement of disbursements for term ending August 10, 1928, by C. D. R. Stowits, Quartermaster General—Continued

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Salaries	Expense	Southern memorial fund
Jan. 21	31	Lewis S. Pilcher, past commander in chief, expenses attending meeting of legislative committee Jan. 15-19		\$35. 14			
24	32	Oscar A. Janes, expenses attending meeting of legislative committee Jan. 15-19		77. 21			
26	33	B. L. Myers, department clerk, assisting Assistant Quartermaster General Town during his illness				\$10. 00	
31	34	W. H. Noll, adjutant general, salary for January			\$100. 00		
31	35	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary, salary for January			150. 00		
	36	Millington Lockwood, for 375 envelopes and printing same				3. 90	
Feb. 6	37	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for January			41. 66		
		Expenses for January				5. 34	
	38	W. H. Noll, adjutant general: Expenses to Feb. 6				35. 54	
16	39	Traveling expenses Salt Lake, Denver, San Diego, etc.		157. 75			
		John R. King, past commander in chief, acting for commander in chief encampment of Department of Potomac		6. 50			
27	40	W. H. Noll, adjutant general, salary for February			100. 00		
	41	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary, salary for February			150. 00		
Mar. 6	42	Ell Torrance, chairman testimonial committee, testimonial to Past Commander in Chief Frank Walsh and photographic copies of same				115. 00	
	43	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for February			41. 66		
		Expenses for February				25. 24	
	44	W. H. Noll, adjutant general, expenses for February, postage, telegrams, etc.				46. 71	
6	45	Agnes P. McKibbin, secretary to quartermaster general, services on books and accounts, 1927-28			125. 00		
30	46	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary, salary for March			150. 00		
	47	W. H. Noll, adjutant general, salary for March			100. 00		

30	48	A. N. Bullock:							
	49	6,500 General Orders, No. 3, stamped envelopes, etc.						187. 20	
	50	Postage and mailing above						24. 48	
Apr.	2	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general:							
		Salary for March							
	5	Expense for March					41. 66		
	51	Samuel P. Town, assistant quartermaster general:						19. 40	
		Salary for December, January, February, and March							
	18	Expense for same					100. 00		
	52	W. H. Noll, adjutant general, expense for March						20. 00	
	53	Jos. K. Davison's Sons, badges, rank straps, etc., as per in-						73. 90	
		voice							
	54	Lewis S. Pilcher, past commander in chief, expenses attend-							
		ing encampments of Departments of Rhode Island, Massa-							
		chusetts, and New Hampshire			22. 47				
	28	W. H. Noll, adjutant general, salary for April					100. 00		
	56	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary, salary for April					150. 00		
	57	Jos. K. Davison's Sons, 50 secretary badges							
	30	A. N. Bullock, 6,500 General Orders, No. 4, postage and mail-			12. 50				
		ing same						124. 94	
	59	E. L. Hawk, commander in chief, account of traveling ex-							
		penses			500. 00				
May	2	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general:							
		Salary for April					41. 66		
	4	Office expenses, postage, etc						24. 00	
	61	Moses Hirshberg, assistant adjutant general, department							
		of Virginia and North Carolina							\$300. 00
	62	B. F. Bashor, assistant adjutant general, department of							
		Tennessee							200. 00
	63	A. R. Sawyer, assistant adjutant general, department of							
		Florida							50. 00
	64	John W. Howder, assistant adjutant general, department of							
		Georgia and South Carolina							300. 00
	4	Edwin M. Ketchum, assistant adjutant general, Depart-							
		ment of Texas							50. 00
	66	John Pierce, assistant adjutant general, Department of							
		Louisiana and Mississippi							75. 00
	67	George F. Jackson, assistant adjutant general, Department							
		of Alabama							50. 00



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Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Salaries	Expense	Southern memorial fund
May 4	68	Newton Eagle, assistant adjutant general, Department of Arkansas					\$100. 00
8	69	Samuel P. Town, assistant quartermaster general: Letter sheets 300 credentials 3 G. A. R. cuts				\$19. 50 50. 00 3. 68 12. 50	----- ----- ----- -----
9	70 71	Jos. K. Davison's Sons, for 50 secretary badges Samuel P. Town, assistant quartermaster general, salary for April			\$25. 00		----- -----
	72	Lewis S. Pilcher, past commander in chief, expenses attending Connecticut encampment, May 2 and 3		\$6. 35			-----
	73	Newton Eagle, assistant adjutant general, Department of Arkansas, additional					20. 00
18	74	Jos. K. Davison's Sons, 200 secretary badges	\$50. 00				-----
23	74½ 75	W. H. Noll, adjutant general, expenses for April Samuel R. Van Sant, past commander in chief, expenses attending meeting of legislative committee at Washington, D. C., January and March				36. 74	----- -----
28	76	W. H. Noll, adjutant general, expenses to Long Beach attending encampment of Department of California		257. 93			-----
	77	W. H. Noll, adjutant general, salary for May		38. 20	100. 00		-----
June 2	78 79	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary, salary for May H. B. Moulton, expenses attending meetings of legislative committee January, February, March, April, and May			150. 00		----- -----
	80	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for May Office expense Phone, postage, etc				22. 75	----- ----- ----- -----
5	81	Samuel P. Town, assistant quartermaster general, salary for May			41. 66	20. 00 5. 50	----- ----- -----
9	82	W. H. Noll, adjutant general, expense for May, telegrams, labor, etc			25. 00		-----
12	83	E. L. Hawk, commander in chief, account traveling expenses		250. 00		58. 20	-----

15	84	George A. Hosley, chief of staff, expenses attending encampment of departments of Maine and Vermont, June 6-7 and 11-13	32. 84			
22	85	C. A. Brainard, senior vice commander in chief, expenses attending encampment of Michigan and Indiana June 7-21	93. 09			
30	86	T. Thompson, chairman passenger association, 40,000 identification certificates			127. 25	
	87	Samuel P. Town, Assistant Quartermaster General: Salary for June		25. 00		
		Expense for June			5. 00	
		Attending encampment of department of New Jersey June 27-29	11. 00			
	88	W. H. Noll, adjutant general, salary for June		100. 00		
	89	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary, salary for June		150. 00		
July 2	90	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for June		41. 67		
		Office expense			20. 00	
		Phone, postage, etc.			5. 50	
14	91	John Reese, judge advocate, expenses attending meeting of World War veterans at Denver, June 24	40. 27			
18	92	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general, express charges, postage and extra labor sending out railroad certificates			26. 73	
27	93	W. H. Noll, adjutant general, salary for July		100. 00		
	94	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary, salary for July		150. 00		
31	95	W. H. Noll, adjutant general, expense account extra stenographer, supplies, etc.			46. 03	
	96	A. N. Bullock, stamped envelopes, printing, etc.			19. 50	
	97	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for July		41. 67		
		Office expense, postage, etc.			25. 50	
		Totals	503. 50	2, 677. 19	3, 266. 62	2, 265. 36
						1, 246. 50



*Supplies on hand, purchased and remaining on hand for the year ending July 31, 1928*

Supplies	On hand July 31, 1927	Purchased as per contract	To be accounted for	Issued	On hand July 31, 1928
Rules and regulations-----	1, 453	-----	1, 453	68	1, 385
Rituals-----	175	-----	175	58	117
Officers' cards-----	649	-----	649	30	619
Service books-----	405	-----	405	58	347
Odes-----	850	-----	850	-----	850
Applications-----	1, 173	-----	1, 173	108	1, 065
Leaves of absence-----	746	-----	746	25	721
Transfers-----	923	-----	923	320	603
Discharges-----	701	-----	701	5	696
Post charters-----	162	-----	162	-----	162
Descriptive books-----	50	-----	50	2	48
Bluebooks-----	17	-----	17	3	14
Badges-----	110	1, 351	1, 461	971	490
Rank straps-----	570	200	770	242	528
Buttons-----	78	2, 000	2, 078	1, 297	781
Ribbons-----	44	-----	44	4. 5	39. 5
Electrotypes-----	18	3	21	3	18
Cost-----	\$545. 90	\$714. 68	\$1, 260. 58	\$829. 30	\$431. 28

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PERMANENT FUND

*Account of Dr. Louis F. Arensberg, treasurer of the permanent fund, Grand Army of the Republic, for period from August 13, 1927, to August 14, 1928*

### SECURITIES ON DEPOSIT WITH THE UNION TRUST CO. OF PITTSBURGH

1928	
Aug. 14. 4½ per cent Cleveland school bonds_____	\$4,000.00
4½ per cent corporation stock, city of New York_____	17,000.00
4 per cent city of Philadelphia municipal loans_____	9,800.00
4¼ per cent United States Liberty loan No. 3_____	1,500.00
Total_____	<u>32,300.00</u>

### INCOME

1927	
Aug. 13. To balance of cash on hand with the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh_____	6,956.02
20. To interest Cleveland school bonds_____	\$90.00
Sept. 15. To interest United States Liberty loan_____	31.88
Nov. 1. To interest New York City corporation stock_____	382.50
1928	
Jan. 3. To interest Philadelphia municipal loans_____	196.00
Feb. 21. To interest Cleveland school bonds_____	90.00
Mar. 15. To interest United States Liberty loans_____	31.87
May 2. To interest New York City corporation stock_____	382.50
June 30. To interest Philadelphia municipal loan_____	50.00
July 2. To interest Philadelphia municipal loan_____	146.00
2. To interest on daily balances for the year in the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh_____	126.85
	<u>1,527.60</u>
	8,483.62

### EXPENDITURES

Check drawn against account (bond of treasurer)_____	\$12.50
Check drawn against account (C. D. R. Stowits, quarter-master general, for general fund)_____	5,000.00
1928	
Aug. 14. By 5 per cent the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh for collection of interest_____	70.05
	<u>5,082.55</u>
14. Cash balance on deposit with the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh_____	3,401.07

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,  
LOUIS F. ARENSBERG,  
*Trustee and Treasurer.*

The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, depository for the trustees of the permanent fund of the Grand Army of the Republic, hereby certifies that the foregoing annual statement to August 14, 1928, showing \$32,300 in securities and \$3,401.07 cash on deposit with this company is correct.

THE UNION TRUST CO. OF PITTSBURGH,  
By W. W. GRINSTEAD, *Trust Officer.*



## REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GÉNÉRAL

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BROKEN BOW, NEBR., *July 20, 1928.*

Comrade ELBRIDGE L. HAWK,  
*Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,*  
*Sacramento, Calif.*

MY DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF: With due respect I submit the following report as judge advocate general.

You have asked me for four formal opinions, copies of which are attached hereto and made part of my report. The call for so few formal opinions bespeaks increasing harmony in the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic. As comrades we are bound by the bonds of fraternity, charity, and loyalty, a comradeship welded by shot and shell in defense of our country.

These opinions form but a small part of my correspondence as judge advocate general. Many comrades have written to me direct, submitting minor matters that have arisen in their various departments or posts. Answering these communications I have at all times emphasized the desirability of the exercise of a spirit of charity and love for our aged comrades. I have tried to discourage any action that would cause contention and ill will among comrades.

Obeysing your command, I represented you at the Eighth National Convention of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War held in Denver, June 24-30, 1928. I expressed to them your greeting and your regret that you could not be with them in person. I was most cordially welcomed and many were the expressions of the esteem and appreciation of the friendship of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN REESE, *Judge Advocate General.*

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### OPINION NO. 1

BROKEN BOW, NEBR., *January 6, 1928.*

ELBRIDGE L. HAWK,  
*Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,*  
*Sacramento, Calif.*

MY DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF: I am in receipt of letter written to you by H. S. Lillagar, commander of the Department of Oregon, Grand Army of the Republic, requesting an official opinion

A comrade holds a transfer card and has presented it for reinstatement into his same post. The same was rejected by a vote of 7 to 5 at a regular meeting of the post. Can he continue to apply for admission at any or every meeting during the life of his transfer card?

(Signed) H. S. LILLAGAR,  
*Department Commander.*

Under the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic a member holding a valid transfer card may make application to be readmitted to the post which granted the same at any time within the life of the transfer card, which is one year from the date of issue and requires two-thirds of the votes of the comrades present and voting to readmit him to membership.

It appears from the letter of Department Commander H. S. Lillagar that a comrade who held a transfer card made application to be readmitted to the post which issued the transfer card and was rejected by a vote of 7 to 5 at a regular meeting of the post.

As the rules and regulations are silent as to when a second application may be made, if at all, to be readmitted in his same post, it is my opinion that the rules governing an original application apply; therefore, when rejected, the applicant is not eligible to make another application until the expiration of six months after such rejection.

Therefore, my opinion is that the comrade is not eligible to make a second application to the post granting the transfer card for readmission as a member until six months from the date he was rejected and not then unless one year has not expired from the date of his transfer card.

I will, however, make this suggestion, since it appears the majority of the members of the post do not desire the comrade to be readmitted, that he present his transfer card to another post where he may find it congenial and become an active member and accomplish good for his comrades.

Fraternally yours in F., C., and L.,

JOHN REESE, *Judge Advocate General.*

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OPINION NO. 2

BROKEN BOW, NEBR., *January 6, 1928.*

ELBRIDGE L. HAWK,

*Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,*

*Sacramento, Calif.*

MY DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF: You ask my opinion as to who is eligible to act as secretary or assistant to the adjutant or quartermaster of a post or of a department, as the question has been raised that the person appointed must be a son or a daughter of a Union veteran.

I find no record that the appointment of one to so act is restricted to members of any allied order but left to the discretion of the one making the appointment. I would suggest, however, that when it can be done the preference be given to a son or a daughter.

You also request an opinion as to sons and daughters of Union veterans being admitted to posts.

From the records of past national encampments I find the sons are admitted to post meetings but have no vote. The daughters have not been permitted to sit in post meetings.

In my opinion the appointment of a person to assist the adjutant or quartermaster is not restricted to members of any allied order and is left to the discretion of the one making the appointment and that there is no authority for daughters of Union veterans or any member of the allied organizations of women being admitted to post meetings.

Fraternally yours in F., C., and L.,

JOHN REESE, *Judge Advocate General.*

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OPINION NO. 3

BROKEN BOW, NEBR., *February 6, 1928.*

ELBRIDGE L. HAWK,

*Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,*

*Sacramento, Calif.*

MY DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF: In reply to your request for an opinion on a resolution passed by the sixty-first national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic relative to the matter of preparing a badge suitable to be worn by those acting as secretary of departments or posts.



The resolution adopted is as follows, to wit: "You know in a great many posts in some departments a secretary is employed, frequently a young lady, and a resolution was submitted. They ask for some recognition. The committee recommended that the incoming administration prepare a suitable badge with a bar bearing the words 'Honorary Member' to be worn by such secretary when performing the duties of adjutant or quartermaster of a post or department. We recommend its adoption."

This resolution is merely a recommendation and not mandatory. The Grand Army of the Republic has no honorary members. The badge to be worn by the members and officers was adopted by the National Grand Army of the Republic at its special session, October, 1869, with the adoption of an additional device in 1886. Only members of the Grand Army of the Republic are entitled to wear this badge, according to the rules and regulations of the order and in some States the State laws forbid the wearing of any badge that may be mistaken for the Grand Army badge by persons not members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The words "Honorary Member" as recommended in the resolution to be placed on the badge will be misleading. The inference would be that the person wearing the badge was an honorary member of the order. Therefore the recommendation should not be complied with as to the words to be placed on the badge.

A substantial compliance with the resolution would be to have a badge with a bar bearing the words "Secretary of Post" or "Secretary to Department," as the case may be, and furnished on request for use in posts and departments.

This kind of a badge would be a recognition of the one acting as secretary and would meet the intent of the resolution, and not conflict with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The full matter of the preparation of such a badge as suggested or whether there shall be such a badge at all should be left entirely to the discretion of the commander in chief.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN REESE, *Judge Advocate General.*

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OPINION NO. 4

BROKEN BOW, NEBR., May 7, 1928.

ELBRIDGE L. HAWK,

*Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,  
Sacramento, Calif.*

MY DEAR COMRADE HAWK: You have asked me for an opinion as to the status of John W. Stewart in the Department of Illinois, Grand Army of the Republic, and if he regained his honors as a past junior vice department commander when restored to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic.

I find from the records of the proceedings of the Fifty-eighth National Encampment held in Boston, Mass., August 10 to 15, 1924, that said John N. Stewart, a member of George G. Meade Post, No. 444, Department of Illinois, Grand Army of the Republic, was charged with being guilty of conduct unbecoming a soldier and gentleman in his relations with members of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was also charged with being guilty of conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline.

Specifications were filed. He was tried by a post court-martial and found guilty as charged and sentenced to be dishonorably discharged from the Grand Army of the Republic. This occurred on the 5th day of November, 1923.

An appeal was taken to the department commander of Illinois, who approved the action of the post court-martial.

From the decision of the department commander of the Department of Illinois, Grand Army of the Republic, an appeal was taken by the said John N. Stewart to the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, who on January 5, 1924, did adjudge that the said John N. Stewart was guilty as charged and determined, and that the findings and sentence should be and were thereby approved.

From the decision of the commander in chief the said John N. Stewart filed an appeal to the national encampment. At the session of the national encampment held in Boston, Mass., in August, 1924, the council of administration



JOHN REESE  
Judge Advocate General





WALTER L. FUNK  
Inspector General

appointed a special committee to examine into the appeal of the said John N. Stewart. This committee was composed of Comrades Ell Torrance, past commander in chief; Samuel R. Van Sant, past commander in chief; and Silas H. Towler, past junior vice commander in chief.

This committee after diligent examination of the records in the case and after the said Stewart withdrew his appeal from the decision of the commander in chief—which left the sentence in full force—recommended to the commander in chief that the sentence of dishonorable discharge be remitted and the said Stewart be restored to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic—the said Stewart having made apology for any and all improper conduct on his part.

With the understanding that it would not restore said Stewart to membership in Post No. 444, of the Department of Illinois, the commander in chief, Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, remitted the penalty imposed by the post court-martial. This, however, did not restore to said Stewart any honors he may have won prior to the date of the post court-martial, but simply restored him to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic.

Honors lost by dishonorable discharge are not restored by remission of sentence and reinstatement to membership.

It appears from a statement made by the adjutant of Post No. 444, of the Department of Illinois, the post of which said Stewart was a member when he was tried by the post court-martial, that he is now a member of said post. How he came to be restored to membership in that post is not fully disclosed.

In my opinion the sentence of the post court-martial that the said John N. Stewart be dishonorably discharged, having been regularly on appeal approved by the department commander of Illinois and the commander in chief, the sentence thereby became final and in full force and effect.

The remission of the sentence did not restore to said Stewart the honors won before the post court-martial and the sentence of dishonorable discharge. Said Stewart is now a member of the Grand Army of the Republic with no honors, having lost the honor he had attained by serving as junior vice department commander. He can claim no title to the honor of past junior vice department commander of the Department of Illinois.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN REESE, *Judge Advocate General.*



## REPORT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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Comrade Walter L. Funk, inspector general, was mustered out June 12, 1928. As his death occurred so near the close of this administration, the vacancy has not been filled.

## REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

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CINCINNATI, OHIO, *July 6, 1928.*

WILLIAM H. NOLL,

*Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic,  
Sacramento, Calif.*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: I beg leave to report through you to our splendid commander in chief, Elbridge L. Hawk, the year's work.

The rapid passing of our comrades and necessary diminishing of activities has made it extremely difficult to come in active touch with the patriotic instructors of the departments. I have, however, been in correspondence with many of the departments not only with the instructors but others.

I have no hesitancy in saying that the Grand Army of the Republic has been the force that finds the enlarged patriotic spirit in our schools, colleges, and universities, both public and private. All patriotic days now are observed all over the Nation. In no section has there been greater advancement than in some of the States in the Southland.

Especially flag day is generally observed. There is room for improvement with a multitude of our loyal citizens. Many neglect to swing the flag and hundreds, I might say, are not in possession of a flag. This is gradually being remedied by the children of the schools. It is gratifying to note how glad and how heartily the veterans are welcomed in the schools and also in the higher grades and colleges.

The observance of May 30 is a great day with the people generally.

I find the real delight and object lesson is the veteran of the Civil War. Whether riding or walking he silently speaks, to crowds that gather on the sidewalks of our cities and towns, of the heroic battling of 1861 to 1865.

The influence of the Grand Army will never die. It is greater to-day than ever. Where the posts are too weak to carry on the work it is cheerfully being accepted by the allied organizations. The Spanish-American and World War veterans are heartily helping and cooperating. They are not pushing the veterans of the Civil War aside. They, in reverence ask, "Let us bear the burdens you are not longer physically able to bear." If there had been in existence prior to the Civil War patriotic organizations similar to those that exist to-day, there would have been no War of the Rebellion, and there will never be another with the teaching of patriotism and reverence for the flag that exists to-day.

Permit me to say that the teaching of patriotism by the churches of every denomination is a great asset. They still vie with each other in securing the attendance of the posts and allied organizations on Memorial Sunday. In many places union services are held. My infor-



mation comes largely from the press. Possibly never before was the patriotic spirit indicated by the interest shown by the churches on last Memorial Sunday as great.

I have not gone into details. This, to my mind, is not necessary. The question that has forced itself upon my mind is: "Is the patriotism engendered by the years of sowing by the Grand Army of the Republic sufficient to live in coming time?" From what I learn from every part of the Nation, it is. With the home, the school, the church throbbing with the spirit of a genuine patriotism our glorious Republic is in a cement that can not be broken. No foreign country or organization, political or ecclesiastical, can control or wither the spirit that exists to-day.

Our commander in chief, Elbridge L. Hawk, has made an impress on this Nation in whatever part he has gone second to none of his predecessors. Here in Ohio, where he was raised and where he enlisted, and his manliness and integrity are well known, he received a constant ovation in Lancaster, where the State encampment was held. He was with us several days and marched with the nearly 300 comrades in line in the parade. His talks to the comrades and the organizations connected with the Grand Army of the Republic indicated Americanism in the concrete.

I have not done much this year. Death in the family and sickness housing me several weeks prevented in the earlier part of the year. I have, however, made many addresses and upheld the dignity of the organization.

The veterans are well cared for, so far as I can learn. The majority receive \$72 a month and the totally disabled \$90. The Government has been good to us. We hope the coming Congress will grant \$72 to the small minority who now receive \$65 and the totally disabled \$100 and the widows of veterans married prior to 1920, \$50 a month. This, we believe, will be just and will greatly help some who are helpless. Such a resolution was passed by the last Ohio department encampment.

As I said, in closing my report as chaplain in chief in 1925 so I now say in part in this report: "It has been a joy to me to assist the high-grade men who have been our officials in the work of the year and also to write letters to comrades in the Nation at large."

We have but a few years more to live; they will soon pass; and the time is too short to wrangle over who shall command and who shall follow.

We, as an organization, will soon be a memory, but "what a memory"! It was worth living and dying for.

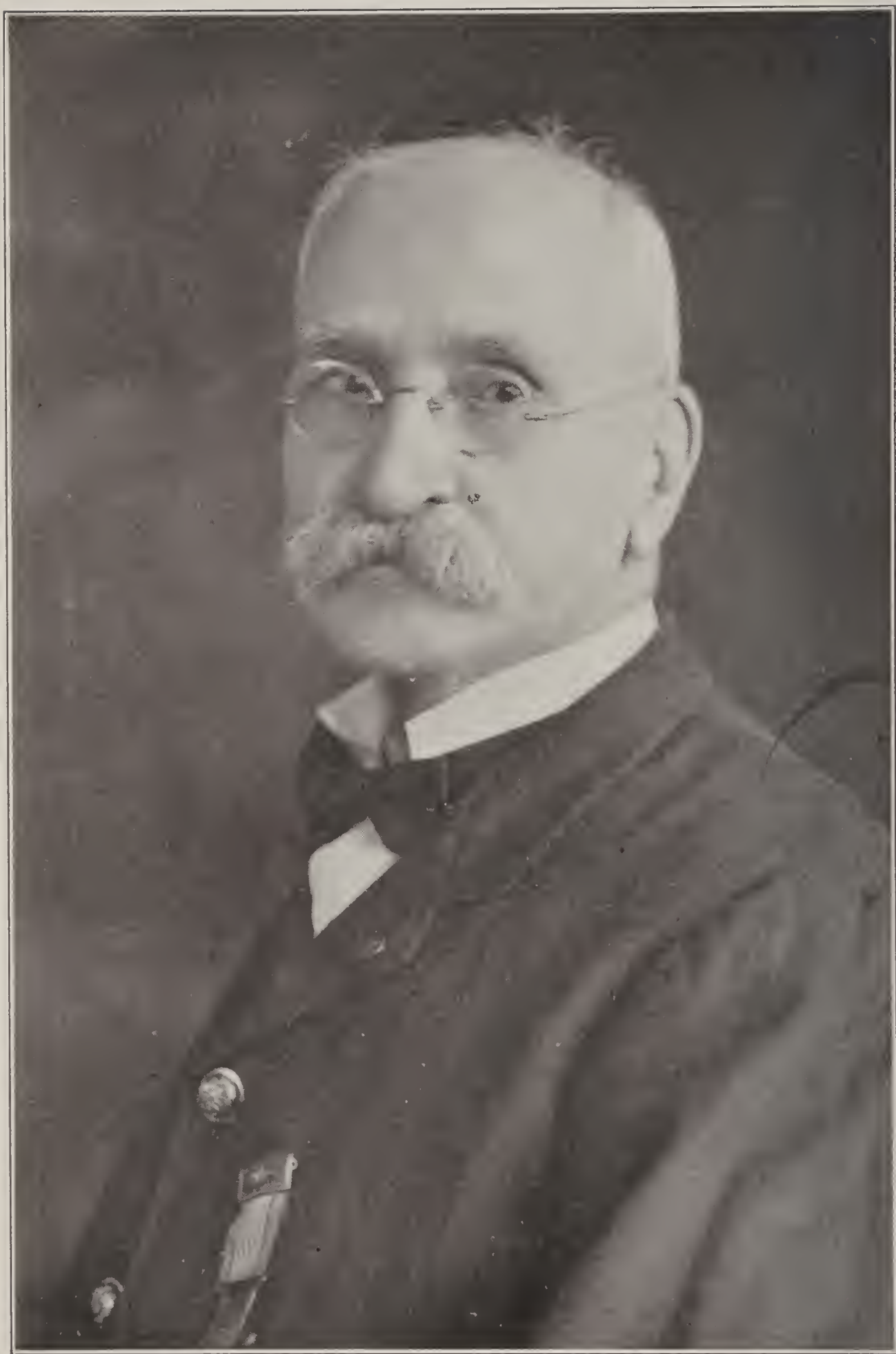
Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES W. BLODGETT,  
*National Patriotic Instructor.*



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National Patriotic Instructor





SAMUEL P. TOWN  
Assistant Quartermaster General

## REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

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LOS ANGELES, CALIF., *July 20, 1928.*

Comrade ELBRIDGE L. HAWK,  
*Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,*  
*Sacramento, Calif.*

MY DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF: The very efficient conduct of the office of adjutant general by Comrade William H. Noll has rendered my service as assistant adjutant general without appreciable effect. I would have deemed it a pleasure to have responded to any call of duty that might have resulted from necessity.

I am grateful, however, that no such demand has been required and that a kind provision has preserved the life and health of our esteemed adjutant general and permitted him to close a year of distinguished service to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

JOHN J. STEADMAN,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*



## REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL AND CUSTODIAN

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PHILADELPHIA, PA., *July 31, 1928.*

Comrade WILLIAM H. NOLL,  
*Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic,*

MY DEAR COMRADE: I have the honor to submit my report as assistant quartermaster general and custodian.

I have purchased all supplies and forwarded all requisitions made by the several departments during the year under the supervision of the quartermaster general, full schedules of which will appear in the report of the quartermaster general, together with the amount of supplies remaining on hand.

There have been printed and distributed to the several departments the following "free blanks":

Forms A and B (report of adjutant and quartermaster) .....	6,397
Form C (report of assistant adjutant general, detail) .....	35
Form C (report of assistant adjutant general, consolidated) .....	171
Form D (report of assistant quartermaster general, consolidated) .....	177
Form E-2 (report of department inspector, consolidated) .....	31
Form H (report of post inspector) .....	676
Form I (requisition for supplies) .....	138
Report of post chaplain .....	2,687
Report of department chaplain .....	34
Report of patriotic instructor (post) .....	2,127
Report of patriotic instructor (department) .....	34
Credentials of members .....	153
Amendment to rules and regulations .....	2,370

I take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the commander in chief and to convey to you and to Quartermaster General Cola D. R. Stowits my thanks for the courtesies extended to me during the year.

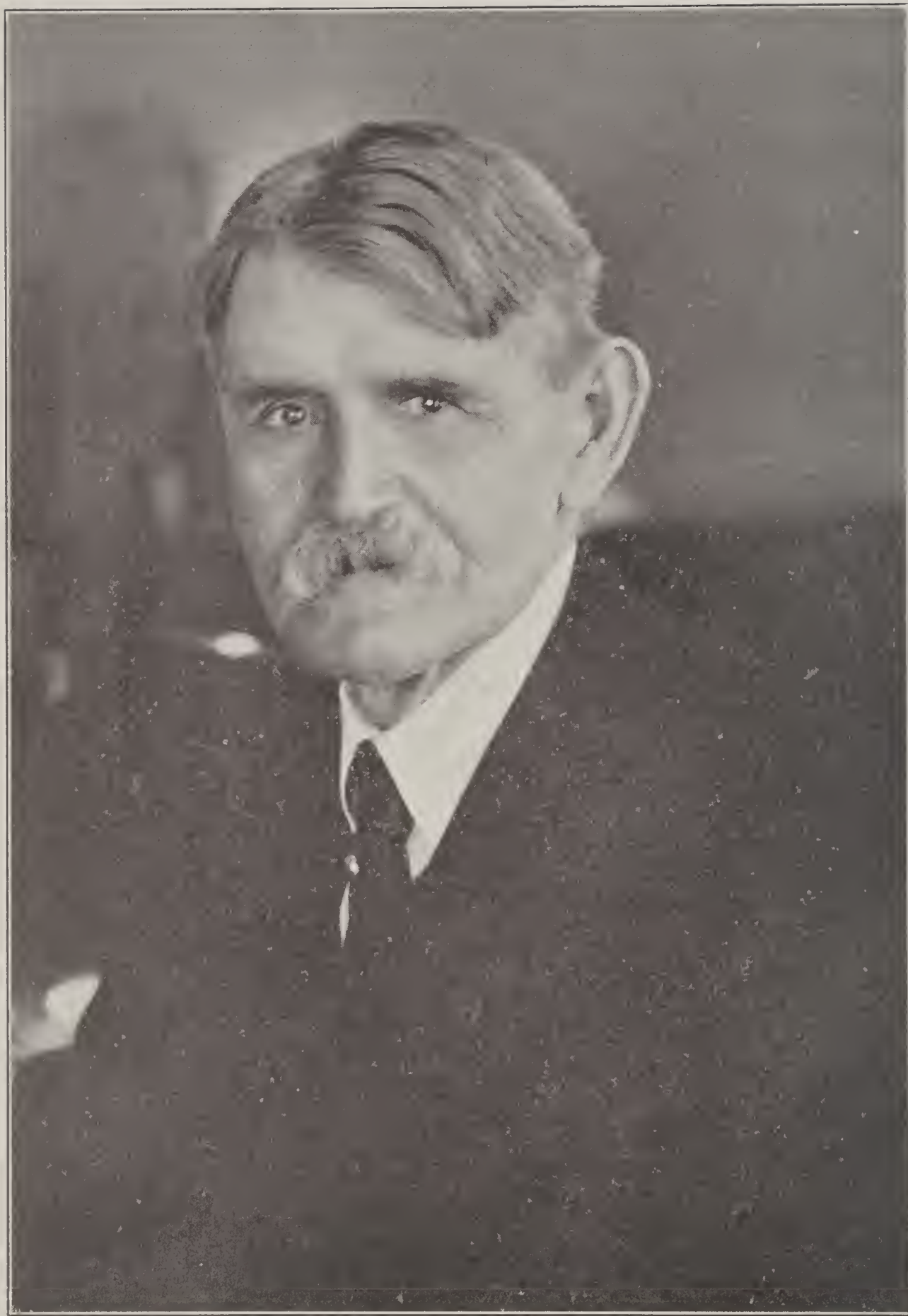
Yours in F., C., and L.,

SAMUEL P. TOWN,  
*Assistant Quartermaster General and Custodian.*



GEORGE A. HOSLEY  
Chief of Staff





JOHN W. COX  
Senior Aide-de-Camp

## REPORT OF CHIEF OF STAFF

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BOSTON, MASS., *July 20, 1928.*

Comrade WILLIAM H. NOLL,  
*Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic,*  
*Sacramento, Calif.*

MY DEAR COMRADE: For the twelfth time I comply with the custom honored by my predecessors and again most gratefully acknowledge the great honor conferred upon me by our present commander in chief in appointing me his chief of staff. I herewith submit this brief report of my year's service, which differs little from my former reports.

Owing to the bulk of the work of the chief of staff coming from now on until after the national encampment, such as laying out the line of formation and the parade and charge of transportation of the national officers, all of which comes at the time of the national encampment, there is but little for me to report at the present time.

I have strictly obeyed orders and filled all details as far as possible. I had the pleasure of representing the commander in chief in June at the department encampments of Maine and Vermont, where I received the most cordial welcome and reception, not only from the comrades but also from the allied organizations. I also accompanied Past Commander in Chief Lewis S. Pilcher, of New York, on his visits in April to the department encampments of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire, where he was detailed to represent the commander in chief.

In the performance of my few duties so far I have received much of real pleasure and benefit to myself, and am anticipating much enjoyment of my work which is to come at the encampment at Denver, Colo.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

GEORGE A. HOSLEY,  
*Chief of Staff.*



## REPORT OF SENIOR AIDE-DE-CAMP

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DES MOINES, IOWA, *July 12, 1928.*

Comrade WILLIAM H. NOLL,  
*Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic,*  
*Sacramento, Calif.*

MY DEAR COMRADE: I most deeply appreciate the appointment as senior aide-de-camp on the official staff of the commander in chief, my one regret being that distance prevented a closer intimacy with national headquarters and few opportunities to be of direct service. It was my pleasure to accompany him at the annual encampment of the Department of Iowa at Cedar Rapids, June 6, when his presence so enlivened that special meeting.

It will always be to me a cherished memory that I have been permitted to enjoy the most courteous treatment from all the members of his staff with whom I have been associated, and I hope that the years to come may bring the utmost happiness to all our comrades of the Grand Army.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

JOHN W. COX, *Senior Aide-de-Camp.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., *August 4, 1928.*

*Comrade Elbridge L. Hawk, Commander in Chief, and Members of the Sixty-second National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic:*

Your committee beg leave to make the following report:

The sixty-first national encampment, held at Grand Rapids, directed the incoming administration to "use every effort to procure such legislation as shall give all widows of Civil War soldiers, who have become 65 years of age, the sum of \$50 per month."

To make as strong an appeal as possible to Congress, the chairman of the legislative committee called a meeting of all its members to be held in Washington, January 16, 1928; also invited the commander in chief to meet with them. The commander in chief was not only present, but also invited the president of the Woman's Relief Corps and officers of the allied orders. (The only member of the legislative committee not able to be present was Assistant Quartermaster General Samuel P. Town, of Philadelphia, who was too ill to attend.)

The meeting was largely attended and was so helpful in securing results that a copy of the proceedings of the committee is made a part of this report.

### MINUTES OF MEETING

WILLARD HOTEL, *January 16, 1928.*

Responding to a call of the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Elbridge L. Hawk, of Sacramento, Calif., the presiding officers and chairmen of the legislative committees of the allied organizations met with the legislative committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, in room 328 of the Willard Hotel on Monday, January 16, at 3 o'clock.

Those in attendance were:

Commander in Chief Elbridge L. Hawk, Sacramento, Calif.; Past Commander in Chief Samuel R. Van Sant; Past Commander in Chief Lewis S. Pilcher; Past Senior Vice Commander in Chief Oscar A. Janes; and Comrade H. B. Moulton, members of the legislative committee of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. Emma W. Campbell, national president, and Mrs. Amy Robbins-Ware, national secretary of the Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Olive Johnson, of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Mrs. Ida M. Glasgow, national president, and Miss Clara F. Hoover, past national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Past Commanders in Chief W. V. Speelman and F. T. F. Johnson of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Mrs. Margaret L. Waters, national president, and Mrs. Margaret P. Stephens, past national president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Past Commander in Chief Van Sant, chairman of the legislative committee, presided.

Mrs. Margaret P. Stephens was elected secretary.

The chairman stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss legislative plans.



Doctor Pilcher moved that, in accordance with the recommendation of the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, the committee adopt its policy for widows' pensions.

After much discussion Comrade Janes moved to amend the motion, that we recommend to the Committee on Invalid Pensions that the sum of \$50 per month be granted to widows who were married to veterans prior to June 27, 1905.

Doctor Pilcher moved as a substitute to the amendment that the date of marriage be changed from 1905 to 1915. When put to a vote this substitute was lost. The amendment was then put to a vote and was carried, after which the original motion carried.

Comrade Van Sant announced the committee would meet on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock with a Joint Committee of the House and Senate Invalid Pensions Committee.

Committee adjourned.

MARGARET P. STEPHENS, *Secretary*.

The legislative committee, with the commander in chief, also with representatives of the Relief Corps and members of the allied orders, were present with the joint committee of the Senate and House which met on January 18 at 10.30 o'clock a. m. in the Senate Office Building. United States Senator Robinson of Indiana, chairman of the Senate Committee on Pensions, presided. Congressman Fitzgerald, chairman of the Invalid Pension Committee, as well as many Members of the Senate and House, were also present.

The chairman of the legislative committee stated that the meeting of the full committee with the commander in chief and the allied orders resolved that the Grand Army of the Republic recommended to the Committee on Invalid Pensions that widows who were married to veterans prior to June 27, 1905, should receive \$50 per month if they had reached 65 years of age.

It was explained that this was all the legislation that would be asked of this session of Congress.

It was claimed that great injustice had been done a very large number of worthy widows in granting \$50 in a former bill only to those married prior to or during the war, as a vast majority of the young men who entered the service were mere boys too young to marry before or during the war. To prove this, the records in the office of The Adjutant General at Washington show that those 17 years old and under numbered 844,891 and those 21 years and under 2,150,798. This former bill greatly discriminated against all those married soon after the veterans returned to their homes and took up the pursuits of peace. Our measure, if passed, would help correct this injustice.

Very many questions were asked and a great deal of information given. The commander in chief and each member of the legislative committee made addresses, as did the members of the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army, the national president and past national president of the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Veterans of the Civil War, and the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The joint committee was very generous of their time, for the conference lasted more than two hours. All questions submitted were answered to the best of our ability and all data required was given. The members of the joint committee expressed themselves as favorable to our request, but the question with them seemed to be

whether the President would sign a bill requiring such a large appropriation. Grave doubts were expressed along this line.

It was estimated that the bill would have to have an appropriation of about \$22,000,000, as there were some 90,000 widows who would draw an additional \$20 per month. The joint committee meeting so far as we were concerned was a success and we had reason to believe that our cause would receive favorable consideration.

After the meeting those of the committee who remained in Washington met many members of the House and Senate, all of whom favored our measures and promised to support it.

There was just one discordant note in our joint meeting. A representative of the National Tribune (not a veteran of the Civil War) uninvited and not a member of our committee, made an address favoring an entirely different bill. This action gave the impression that the Grand Army was not united on their pension policy. After the address the legislative committee assured the pension committee that the \$20 for the widows of Civil War veterans was all that we favored at this time and we were assured that we had made that plan plain and that they so understood it. The statements made by the National Tribune in several issues about the commander in chief and the legislative committee were wholly unjustified and untrue.

The bill as passed grants an increase of \$10 per month to widows 75 years of age, married prior to June 27, 1905. According to the estimate of the Commissioner of Pensions (see his statement later), some 90,000 widows will receive \$40 instead of \$50, amounting to about \$10,800,000. This was not as much as the committee hoped, but it will be helpful and greatly assist thousands of worthy widows of our departed comrades.

For the information of the members of the encampment, a copy of a letter from Hon. Winfield Scott, Commissioner of Pensions, relative to the number of veterans on the pension roll, as well as other information of interest to the comrades, is made a part of this report, as follows:

WASHINGTON, *July 24, 1928.*

MR. SAMUEL R. VAN SANT,

*Grand Army of the Republic, Minneapolis, Minn.*

SIR: Replying to your communication of the 14th instant, I have advised you that as the number of widows receiving \$40 per month is constantly changing, I am taking the liberty of replying to your inquiry as of June 30, 1928. At that time there were on the roll:

Civil War widows receiving \$40 per month-----	38, 106
Civil War widows receiving \$30 per month-----	138, 069
Civil War widows receiving \$50 per month-----	19, 129

When allowances are all in there will probably be 90,000 receiving \$40 per month.

Civil War veterans on the present roll-----	74, 929
Veterans receiving \$65 per month-----	31, 528
Veterans receiving \$72 per month-----	35, 902
Veterans receiving \$90 per month-----	6, 818

The records show that the total amount of pensions paid to veterans and dependents since the close of the war is \$7,101,082,788.89.

Yours respectfully,

WINFIELD SCOTT, *Commissioner.*



June 30, 1927, there were 90,000 veterans of the Civil War on the pension roll. It will be noted from the above statement that during the year ending June 30, 1928, 15,071 Civil War veterans died, an average of more than 1,200 per month.

As chairman, I desire to thank all of the members of the legislative committee, the Woman's Relief Corps, and all other allied orders, as well as the chairmen of the Senate and House Pension Committees, and all other Senators and Representatives for their valuable services, and to assure the encampment that we were guided by the purest motives and did our best to carry out the instructions of the encampment.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL R. VAN SANT,  
*Chairman, Legislative Committee.*

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, THE NATIONAL WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

ELBRIDGE L. HAWK,

*Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.*

MY DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF: It is a privilege and a pleasure to present to you and through you to this Sixty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic a brief summary of the work accomplished by the National Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, from June 30, 1927, to June 30, 1928.

These figures are taken from the records of the organization which are on file in the offices of the secretary and treasurer:

Number of departments-----	36
Number of provisional departments-----	3
Number of corps in departments-----	2, 281
Number of detached corps-----	15
Number of corps in the order June 30, 1928-----	2, 296
Number of members in the departments-----	178, 580
Number of members in detached corps-----	518
Number of members in order June 30, 1928-----	179, 098
Amount in cash expended for relief-----	\$10, 579. 80
Estimated relief other than money-----	142, 318. 63
Amount turned over to posts-----	11, 006. 53
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For Memorial Day expense, flowers for sick and deceased comrades, etc-----	45, 021. 74
For southern memorial fund-----	1, 230. 67
For Christmas gifts and testimonials to Army nurses-----	930. 00
For London branch, American Civil War veterans-----	50. 00
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Total expended for relief, turned over to posts, Memorial Day, etc., as shown above-----	258, 992. 19
Total amount expended to June 30, 1927-----	6, 836, 967. 93
Total expended for these purposes on record since organization to June 30, 1927-----	<hr/> 7, 095, 960. 12 <hr/>
Number of soldiers' graves reported decorated May 30, 1928-----	641, 395
Number of Grand Army veterans assisted June 30, 1927, to June 30, 1928-----	6, 838
Total number of persons reported assisted-----	40, 819
Total expended for patriotic work-----	\$93, 800. 14
Total number of flags contributed to schools, Sunday schools, and cemeteries-----	41, 314



EMMA WILTGEN CAMPBELL  
National President, Woman's Relief Corps





In addition to the above we have contributed during the year ending June 30, 1928:

For southern memorial day_____	\$_____
For Civil War Army nurses_____	877. 12
For World War veterans_____	4, 333. 09
For Spanish-American War veterans_____	539. 92
For soldiers' homes_____	3, 897. 46
For soldiers' widows' homes_____	2, 647. 84
For orphans' homes_____	1, 751. 79
For child welfare_____	3, 923. 21
For schools in the South_____	317. 05
For Americanism work_____	3, 554. 12
For scholarships_____	2, 763. 41
For Near East relief, golden-rule dinner_____	88. 43

The national treasurer's report shows:

Cash balance on hand in general fund_____	\$16, 660. 82
In all other funds_____	19, 122. 65
In supplies on hand_____	13, 574. 42
Due from departments_____	1, 121. 85
Total assets_____	50, 479. 74

Liabilities, none.

We have taken up two new activities this past year—that of the organization of junior clubs and members at large.

Thirteen junior clubs have been thus far organized, and with a broadened eligibility clause many more of these junior clubs will be instituted the coming year.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

EMMA W. CAMPBELL,  
*President the National Woman's Relief Corps,  
 Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.*





EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
NATIONAL COUNCIL  
NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF  
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION HELD  
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1928, IN THE BROWN  
PALACE HOTEL, DENVER, COLO.

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The executive committee of the national council of administration convened at 2 o'clock p. m., Monday, September 17, 1928, in the Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, Colo., Commander in Chief Elbridge L. Hawk presiding.

In addition to the commander in chief the following members of the committee were present:

Adjutant General William H. Noll.

Quartermaster General Cola D. R. Stowits.

Comrade Silas H. Towler, of Minnesota.

Comrade William P. Wright, of Illinois.

Comrade David N. Foster, of Indiana.

Comrade J. E. Gandy, of Washington and Alaska.

Comrade W. F. Hambright, of Pennsylvania.

Comrade James E. Jewel, of Colorado and Wyoming.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Well, gentlemen, we are here for the purpose now of seeing what the executive committee have to offer to finish up the business of the year. I don't know whether there is a report due from the adjutant general or the quartermaster general.

(Comrade Wright then presented the following report of the auditing committee:)

DENVER, *September 14, 1928.*

Your committee, to whom was intrusted the duty of auditing the accounts of Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general of the Grand Army of the Republic, beg to report that they have performed the duty assigned to them and find the records of his office perfectly kept, accurate, and kept in such a manner as to make the performance of our duties easy to accomplish.

We find the cash balance, as per certificate from the bank, to be \$10,597.77.

The Grand Army of the Republic is to be congratulated upon being able to have retained the services of such an able and earnest toiler, a comrade whom we all respect and love.

WILLIAM P. WRIGHT.

W. F. HAMBRIGHT.

S. H. TOWLER.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, you have heard the report of this committee.

Comrade GANDY. I move that the report be received and filed.

(Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief HAWK. It is moved and seconded that the same be filed and approved. All in favor of it say "Aye." Contrary, "No." The ayes have it, and it is so ordered.

Now, is there anything else to be approved?



Quartermaster General STOWITS. Nothing more to be approved. Has the adjutant general anything to report?

Adjutant General NOLL. I am only here as a recording officer, and Mr. Elliott is doing that for me.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Have you any suggestions?

Adjutant General NOLL. Not to this committee.

Comrade TOWLER. Comrade Stowits, the chairman of the trustees of the permanent fund, and myself had quite a conversation the other day in reference to the future condition of the organization. As you will see by the report, \$5,000 has been withdrawn from the permanent fund to meet expenses for the ensuing year, or for this year.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. This present year.

Comrade TOWLER. And the balance reported by the auditing committee covers two items, doesn't it—the general fund and the southern memorial fund? So that there is only about \$8,000 in the general fund. There is accumulated and been paid about \$2,500 in interest that, under the rules, would properly go to the permanent fund to the credit of the permanent fund.

Now, Doctor Arensberg, past commander in chief, the chairman, is going to come before the council of administration when it is in session and, as I understood him and the understanding was, ask authority, approved by the council of administration, to turn that \$2,500 into the general fund. That is, probably run it through the books in the proper form, so that a record would be made of it, but eventually it would be transferred to the general fund for use during the ensuing year.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. He wants that added to his checking account.

Comrade TOWLER. Not to his checking account, Stowits's checking fund.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Goes into the general fund.

Comrade TOWLER. So it occurred to me that possibly it would be well enough to discuss the matter here in the executive committee before you go into the national council. I have taken the liberty to bring the matter before you.

Adjutant General NOLL. Do you want to put it in the shape of a motion?

Comrade JEWEL. Commander in chief, it seems to me that that is the proper thing to do. I understand that the permanent fund was set aside for just that kind of special purpose, to supply the deficiency that we would have to meet some time in the future; and I move that we recommend that the interest accruing to the permanent fund be transferred to the general fund.

(Motion seconded.)

Comrade TOWLER. Really, our conversation was entirely upon the interest which has already accrued and been paid, not that which is to come after this—that that go to the general fund in the proper order. The only question is to get this money out of the permanent fund into the general fund for expense money.

Comrade JEWEL. The intent of the motion was to transfer it from the permanent fund to the general fund.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Goes from the permanent fund to the general fund.

Commander in Chief HAWK. You gentlemen, I think, now understand it.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. Those Government bonds maturing——

Quartermaster General STOWITS. That matter ought to come up next.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Well, you gentlemen understand now the motion to transfer this interest to the general fund. All that are in favor will say "Aye." Contrary, "No." The ayes have it.

The quartermaster general thinks there will be sufficient in the general fund to run through the next year?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. No, sir; it takes about \$17,000 to run through.

Comrade TOWLER. Take about \$5,000 more?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. More. I think a motion should be made by this committee authorizing the chairman or treasurer of the permanent fund to take whatever is necessary to meet the requirements—that is, of available funds, to run the department all the way through. You want to remember that we are quite an institution, comrades, and we demand a whole lot of dignity, and we have got to have it. Isn't that right, Gandy?

Comrade GANDY. Yes.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. If we wish to maintain the dignity of the Grand Army of the Republic and not let it go down, we have got to keep in a position to do it; and that is the only way we can do it. This \$32,000 and something in the permanent fund will last us 6 or 7 or 8 years, and you and I and the rest will be dead.

Comrade JEWEL. Oh, no, no. You may be gone, but the good live on.

Comrade WRIGHT. There seems to be a difference of opinion.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. There will be enough to last that long.

Comrade WRIGHT. You want a motion that \$5,000 be transferred from the permanent fund to the checking account?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. That wants to be approved.

Comrade TOWLER. That has already been attended to. The action needs to be approved.

Comrade WRIGHT. No; he says he will need five thousand more. Does this committee control next year's business?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. You make a recommendation to the council.

Comrade WRIGHT. I understand there are some Liberty bonds that have been paid—about that amount. About twenty-five hundred, is it?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Yes; or a little more. Instead of having it reinvested then we transfer it to the general fund.

Comrade WRIGHT. I so move that we recommend to the council.

Comrade TOWLER. Aren't you taking up two questions at once?

Comrade WRIGHT. We have got to take another vote to get another twenty-five hundred. I can add it here. And that twenty-five hundred more be taken from the permanent fund and added to the checking account or general fund.

Comrade GANDY. I second that motion.

Comrade JEWEL. Suppose we make the motion that five thousand be transferred, and that will include any money.



Comrade WRIGHT. We have got to dispose of this twenty-five hundred. All moneys that have become due and are paid the trustees of the permanent fund have to reinvest, without some action taken by the council to stop that from going into the permanent fund again.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. We don't want to let that go into the permanent fund, because it is a difficult matter to get it out. The trust company who is custodian of our money won't do it unless they do it in proper shape.

Comrade TOWLER. I think we better divide the question.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Make it in two motions.

Comrade WRIGHT. I move that \$2,500 that is being paid now, that has become due, be transferred from the permanent fund to the general account.

(Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief HAWK. That is \$2,500, the proceeds of the third Liberty bonds, be transferred from the permanent fund to the general fund. That will be passed as a recommendation to the council. All you gentlemen in favor of that say "Aye." Contrary, "No." The ayes have it.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. I will make a motion that the treasurer of the permanent fund be authorized to turn \$2,500 over to the general fund when required, on requisition.

Comrade WRIGHT. Second the motion.

Commander in Chief HAWK. I just ask for information. Would this not be a proper thing for the new council to take up?

Comrade WRIGHT. This will be referred to the new council. This is a recommendation from the executive committee to the incoming council, not to the council of administration this afternoon.

Comrade TOWLER. Part of this goes there. The council this afternoon will approve of the action or disapprove the action taken by the executive committee on this recommendation.

Commander in Chief HAWK. You gentlemen have heard the recommendation. All in favor of it say "Aye." Contrary, "No." The ayes have it.

(Past Commander in Chief Louis F. Arensberg entered the room at this point.)

Comrade WRIGHT. That has all been attended to.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. If you have, what is the use of my saying anything?

Commander in Chief HAWK. There has been a motion just made and carried, or a recommendation, that \$2,500 for the sale of bonds——

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. Fifteen hundred. We have got the money, but I believe with what interest will accrue, with the money that will be paid in now for this \$1,500 of Liberty bonds that will be redeemed by the Government, with that \$1,500 I think we will have enough to tide over. You see I have close onto \$3,000 now in that checking account, and the \$1,500 will throw me well up toward \$5,000. In the meantime I will get some more interest, and I will have enough money, I think, to meet your demands.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. The result is just the same.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. I don't want to disturb any of the other bonds or stuff if we don't have to.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. That is right.

Comrade TOWLER. That is provided for in the motion "as required."

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. If we should get up against it, we will meet that emergency then, but I believe we will have enough money to tide us through the year without disturbing that stuff. That will leave us something in the neighborhood of about a little over \$30,000 invested. The interest on that, with the fifteen hundred of these bonds and with what I have on hand, I think will tide us through—with what you get besides. I don't know what you will do.

Commander in Chief HAWK. It is recommended that that be placed in the general fund when required.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. It is to make it permissible to do it. That is all right; never mind what the amount is.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. That will be all right. The main thing is, I didn't want to disturb any of that \$30,000 if I don't have to this year.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. You won't have to, unless an emergency arises, and this simply makes it permissible in case anything happens.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. I wanted to meet you folks here so that you would understand the situation and get it, because when I get up to make my explanation before the encampment, as the rules and regulations require, there will not be half of them hear what I say, and they won't know what they are doing, and, naturally, they will follow your lead. So that is that.

There is one thing I am going to say right here. I had a meeting just before lunch with the other trustees, John R. King, of Baltimore, and Doctor Pilcher. Pilcher made the remark that some of this stuff that we have permanently invested was not earning enough money, at rather a low rate of interest, understand. But my predecessors and all the others thought they were absolutely good bonds, and secure, and they preferred to take a lower rate of interest than to run any risk by getting a higher rate of interest or maybe losing the stuff. I am of the same opinion, although Pilcher thought I ought to get more interest. But what we would gain by transferring those things and taking shorter bonds and shorter notes would be so little that I didn't think it was worth while. I would not want to handle the stuff. I would not want to be compelled to watch the bond market to find out how things were. We have got this permanent fund secured in good bonds, but while we have——

Commander in Chief HAWK. You have nothing less than 4 per cent.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. Nothing less than that. The lowest we have is 4, and he objected to that. He thought I ought to get 6. When I am getting 6 I am not so sure what the security is. You know that as well as I do.

Now, here we have \$4,000 that are in Cleveland school bonds. That is bringing us 4½. We have corporation stock of the city of New York to the amount of \$17,000 that we are getting 4½. We have city of Philadelphia municipal loans, \$9,800, on which we only get 4 per cent. But all this my predecessors thought were good stuff. I am inclined to think so, too. I don't see that we would



gain anything by trying to transfer them into something else and then have to monkey and fool with that stuff. I don't think it is a good plan.

In addition to that I have in this fund United States Liberty loan, third, at  $4\frac{1}{4}$ . I had \$1,500 in that. That \$1,500 is called in the 15th of this month, and I instructed the trust company to hold that money—to collect it and hold the money until I returned from this encampment, when I will tell them what to do with it. But I want the authority to transfer that. I don't want to reinvest that. I don't think it is wise because we will need it anyhow.

Commander in Chief HAWK. We are recommending that.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. I want that \$1,500, then, transferred over to the checking account or interest account so as to make it available if it is called on.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. That is right.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. That is the idea. That is the whole thing in a nutshell.

Comrade GANDY. We have passed a motion to that effect.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. That is all right. I am pleased to know that, and that is all right. I think that is the best way to handle the proposition. That was my idea of it, but I wanted you to understand it thoroughly. Of course, I am to make this report at the encampment, but I wanted you to be where you could see and know. I thought if I could have a little talk of this kind that you would understand distinctly what was in the wind.

Comrade JEWEL. I would just like to inquire if those New York bonds and Philadelphia bonds are convertible into money, if necessary.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. They are good stuff. We can sell them. If we get some other bonds at a higher rate of interest there is a question when you are able to sell them if you want to.

Commander in Chief HAWK. And the expense of changing.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. These investments have been on hand for a good many years in our hands, but they were originally, I think—at least the Philadelphia bonds were put in here by General Wagner. I think he was interested in Philadelphia banks. I think he is responsible for those Philadelphia bonds at 4 per cent. I don't know whether his bank might have been interested—I don't know. But they are safe. It is a good proposition. The other stuff was also recommended. Beath and Patterson approved of this stuff. He was a very careful man and knew about these things, and he approved of it, and I don't see any reason to change. I don't think it is a good proposition.

Comrade JEWEL. There is a large series of bonds that can be had now that are unusually good. That is these farm-loan bonds, and they are convertible into money—cash—at any time. But of course the interest is not very high. It is about  $4\frac{1}{4}$  or  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent, but they are unusually safe.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. They would not be any better than what we have, I don't suppose. I don't think they would. What is the use of trading around or changing, if there is no necessity for it? I don't want to do it, I know. There would not be any necessity for it. All we would gain by it would be so little it don't amount to anything.

Commander in Chief HAWK. The transfer and all that, and the bother.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. You have got to pay a percentage and one thing and another, and in the end how much are you ahead? You are not any. That is the way I look at that.

Commander in Chief HAWK. I think so.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. Well, you have got the idea, and that is what I wanted you to have. Now, I don't know—I had a proposition to appear before the council of administration. There are more of them. Whether it is absolutely necessary or not, I don't know. You are all members of the council. I don't know whether to bring this matter up before them or not. If you want me to do so—I don't suppose there is any necessity for it.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. All settled. It is a recommendation. It will go before them anyway.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. You fellows will handle that.

Commander in Chief HAWK. You are willing to do it if required.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. That is the whole thing in a nutshell. You know how it is just as well as I do.

I want to say, incidentally, I think with what Comrade Stowits will manage to collect, and the interest we will get in the future, that we may have to draw for this next year a little out of that other fund—that or that permanent fund—but I think we can so manipulate things that we will have plenty to run through safely for at least seven years, if not a little longer. It just depends on what contributions we get outside. I think we have plenty so we don't need to be afraid of getting on the rocks for a while anyhow, and you don't need to pass any resolutions about dissolving the Grand Army of the Republic on account of that. That is about the amount of it.

Comrade JEWEL. For information I would like to make an inquiry. The fact that we are getting financially short—I noticed in the report of the Grand Rapids encampment that money was appropriated to pay certain departments in the South.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. That has always been so.

Comrade JEWEL. Ought it to be so any longer? That is the question. If those departments are so small that they can not maintain themselves, should the national maintain them?

Adjutant General NOLL. Wasn't this money given to the memorial fund?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. It is the memorial fund.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. That has nothing to do with this.

Comrade WRIGHT. That is only to help them decorate the graves of Union soldiers in the South.

Comrade JEWEL. That is a volunteer fund anyway.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. That is a separate account.

Comrade WRIGHT. It is not in the general account, but it is reported in the general account.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. I report it there because I show the money on hand.

Comrade WRIGHT. But that does not belong to the expense of the encampment.



Comrade JEWEL. That is the question I wanted to know.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. No.

Comrade WRIGHT. That money is all kept separate in a separate account. When it is paid out it is paid out of that separate account.

Comrade JEWEL. In reading the report you would not know any different.

Comrade WRIGHT. It is put together.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. It is all there in detail to show just what is in the general fund and just what is in the southern memorial fund, and it shows exactly—my report—every dollar that was paid for the general fund and every dollar that was paid for the southern memorial fund. But so far as the bank account is concerned I keep it in one account. It is a matter of bookkeeping, that is all. But I always keep the divided accounts so that you can tell at a glance just what there is in the general fund and just what there is in the southern memorial fund. That southern memorial fund is made up from contributions. For instance, the Relief Corps will send me \$1,000 for the southern memorial fund. Some other State will send \$200, and so forth. That is the way that fund has been kept up.

Comrade JEWEL. We only know these things by inquiring.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Sure; but you can read them in the reports.

(Comrade E. W. Phillips, of Kansas, entered the room at this point.)

Comrade WRIGHT. If there is no further business I move that the executive committee adjourn to attend the meeting of the council of administration.

Adjutant General NOLL. Second the motion.

Commander in Chief HAWK. You have heard the motion, that we adjourn to attend the meeting of the council. All in favor say "Aye." Contrary? The ayes have it, so we stand adjourned.

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
ADMINISTRATION HELD MONDAY AFTERNOON, SEP-  
TEMBER 17, 1928, AT THE BROWN PALACE HOTEL,  
DENVER, COLO.**

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The national council of administration was called to order at 3 o'clock p. m., Monday, September 17, 1928, in national headquarters in the Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, Colo. In addition to Commander in Chief Elbridge L. Hawk, who presided at the meeting, the following members of the council of administration were present:

Junior Vice Commander in Chief Samuel E. Mahan.

Surgeon General Dr. Henry A. Johnson.

Adjutant General William H. Noll, of California and Nevada.

Quartermaster General Cola D. R. Stowits, of New York.

Comrade Cos Altenberg, of Arkansas.

Comrade John C. Kendrick, of California and Nevada.

Comrade James E. Jewel, of Colorado and Wyoming.

Comrade William P. Wright, of Illinois.

Comrade David N. Foster, of Indiana.

Comrade E. W. Phillips, of Kansas.

Comrade M. H. Davidson, of Kentucky.

Comrade Nelson Brown, of Maine.

Comrade George T. Leech, of Maryland.

Comrade Henry Clark, of Massachusetts.

Comrade Albert Dunham, of Michigan.

Comrade Silas H. Towler, of Minnesota.

Comrade A. Whipple, of Missouri.

Comrade George I. Reiche, of Montana.

Comrade Edwin F. Brown, of Nebraska.

Comrade Eben C. Chase, of New Hampshire.

Comrade W. O. Allen, of New Jersey.

Comrade Louis H. LaVallee, of New York.

Comrade D. C. Bothell, of Oklahoma.

Comrade Charles S. Baker, of Oregon.

Comrade W. F. Hambright, of Pennsylvania.

Comrade Samuel A. Wheldon, of Rhode Island.

Comrade Edward Loomis, of Texas.

Comrade E. J. Foster, of Vermont.

Comrade J. E. Gandy, of Washington and Alaska.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Please answer as your names are called.

(Upon call of the roll 25 members were found to be present, 5 coming in later.)

Surgeon General JOHNSON. I just received notice that the member from the Department of the Potomac (Comrade John Middleton) was taken suddenly ill and could not come. I am assistant adjutant



general of that department. If you desire me to represent him, in addition to my position as surgeon general, I will do so.

Commander in Chief HAWK. There is a majority of the council present. I don't know what business is to come before the council—simply a report, perhaps, from the executive committee of the recommendations they made. That committee held a meeting just before coming to this one and made some recommendations to bring before you gentlemen. I presume that would be in order now, and I suppose we will have to take that from the secretary's report. We will have him read the recommendations made by the executive committee to the council. Also a communication from the committee which examined the accounts of the quartermaster general.

(The shorthand reporter then read the report of the auditing committee to the executive committee, which will be found in the proceedings of the executive committee at page 173 of this journal.)

Commander in Chief HAWK. This report was approved by the executive committee.

Comrade GANDY. I move that it be approved by the national council.

(Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief HAWK. Gentlemen, you have heard the motion. All you that are in favor of the approval of this report will say "Aye." Contrary? It is carried.

Two or three of the comrades have come in while the secretary was reading. Will you give him your names?

(Comrades Leech, Kendrick, and Allen announce their presence.)

(The shorthand reporter then read the following recommendations adopted by the executive committee:)

That the interest accrued on the permanent fund be transferred to the general fund from the permanent fund.

That \$2,500, now being received from third Liberty bonds paid by the Government, be placed in the general fund instead of being reinvested.

That the treasurer of the permanent fund be authorized to turn \$2,500 over to the general fund when required on requisition.

Comrade GANDY. That should be \$1,500 of Liberty bonds instead of \$2,500. That is the recommendation as passed, but when the custodian came in he explained that the amount of the bonds was \$1,500 instead of \$2,500. That was after we passed this recommendation that he came in and explained the facts to us.

Commander in Chief HAWK. You have heard the recommendations, comrades, that were made by the committee—these three recommendations as to the accrued interest, the money received from Liberty bonds, and the authorization to draw from the permanent fund up to \$2,500.

Comrade KENDRICK. I move, Mr. Commander, that the recommendations be adopted.

(Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief HAWK. It is moved and seconded that the recommendations that are made by the executive committee be approved by the council. Those that are in favor of the same will say "Aye." Contrary, "No." The ayes have it and it is carried.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. That third recommendation with reference to appropriating \$2,500—that is only a recommendation from this council to the incoming council, because we have no control over their actions.

Adjutant General NOLL. We can approve it.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. It is only to approve and recommend to the incoming council that the interest coming in later on be placed in the general fund instead of being reinvested in the permanent fund.

Comrade GANDY. That is a recommendation to the new council but not to this council.

Commander in Chief HAWK. It would seem, comrades, from the report of the custodians that we have sufficient funds in reserve to go on for a few years yet, so that, looking into your faces as I see you to-day, I don't believe you are ready to quit yet and divide up. I think that is the general feeling that we are going on as long as we can meet with the boys in the numbers we are meeting them here. I believe I voice the sentiment in traveling throughout the country everywhere that they are feeling cheerful and feeling good and being satisfied we are able yet to get around.

Now, if any of the members have anything to offer? Remember this: This will be your last time. The new council will come in for the next meeting.

Comrade GANDY. I wish to make this motion: That it is the sense of this general council that Colonel Stowits, our quartermaster general, accept the thanks of this council for the able manner in which he has handled the finances of the national encampment.

(Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief HAWK. We all say Amen. You have heard the motion. We are satisfied before taking this vote you will all be unanimous. Anyone who has occupied the position of commander in chief knows that there are many things to look after. An emergency sometimes comes. It takes men with a clear head and a clear brain to provide for it. They are not always found, and when found as long as they remain so that they are able to transact business it is certainly wonderful and the national encampment has profited thereby. All in favor of the motion—

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. I wish to add to that, that he not only handles the finances well but he records them well. I had the honor of being a member of that auditing committee. I noticed the appearance of the books and the way the accounts were kept. At a glance we could just tell where we stand.

Comrade GANDY. I accept the amendment.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrade Hambright emphasizes the matter. Now, if any of you gentlemen want to speak on this question we will be pleased. If not, we will ask for a rising vote.

Comrade ALTENBERG. I take pleasure in commending this resolution and assure you that I will vote for it. I trust that every member of the council present will vote for it. We have no better comrade than the gentleman named in that resolution.

(Calls for the question).

Commander in Chief HAWK. All that are in favor of that will stand up. It is unanimous. Mr. Quartermaster General, you have the unanimous expression of this body [applause] that they are satisfactorily served.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Comrades, allow me to say that I appreciate your kindness. I have endeavored to perform the duties as quartermaster general to the best of my ability. If I have failed,



I have been lacking in ability. I wish to say, however, that I have been at it 20 years. This is the end of my twentieth year as quartermaster general of the Grand Army of the Republic. All I can say is that I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your expression of kindness toward me. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HAWK. There are few men indeed that have a record of 20 years—a score of years—in the service as has Comrade Stowits. I hope that he will remain with us just as long as any of us remain, and see to us and keep us straight in the matter of finances.

Now, comrades, anything that you have that ought to properly come before us now, or anything that you have that would redound for the benefit of or that we can use previous to the encampment or for this encampment, we would be pleased to hear from any comrade. If not——

Comrade ALLEN. If there is no further business, I move this council adjourn.

(Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief HAWK. If there is nothing else, gentlemen, we will adjourn and thank you for your attendance and wish you godspeed as you go along, and hope that many of you will remain on the council for the coming year. It is moved and seconded that we adjourn at this time. Those in favor say “Aye.” Contrary?

The ayes have it, and we stand adjourned.

(3.15 p. m.)

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION HELD AT NATIONAL HEADQUAR- TERS IN THE BROWN PALACE HOTEL, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1928

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(An attempt was made to hold a meeting of the national council of administration in the Civic Auditorium immediately after the adjournment of the encampment, but owing to conflicting announcements which had been made in the encampment of the time and place of the meeting of the council only 10 members in addition to the officers were present. Upon motion the meeting was continued until 8 o'clock p. m. at national headquarters.)

The new council of administration met pursuant to the call of the commander in chief at national headquarters in the Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, Colo., at 8 o'clock p. m. on Thursday, September 20, 1928.

Upon roll call the following members of the council were found to be present:

Commander in Chief John Reese, Broken Bow, Nebr.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief James E. Jewel, Fort Morgan, Colo.

Quartermaster General Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.

Adjutant General Thomas J. Smith, McCook, Nebr.

Comrade George F. Jackson, of Alabama.

Comrade Cos Altenberg, of Arkansas.

Comrade William H. Noll, of California and Nevada.

Comrade William Wilson, of Colorado and Wyoming.

Comrade William Jubb, of Florida.

Comrade William P. Wright, of Illinois.

Comrade David N. Foster, of Indiana.

Comrade E. W. Phillips, of Kansas.

Comrade M. H. Davidson, of Kentucky.

Comrade George Prechtel, of Maryland.

Comrade Henry Clark, of Massachusetts.

Comrade Albert Dunham, of Michigan.

Comrade Silas H. Towler, of Minnesota.

Comrade Edwin F. Brown, of Nebraska.

Comrade H. S. Paul, of New Hampshire.

Comrade E. F. Taggart, of Ohio.

Comrade W. F. Hambright, of Pennsylvania.

Comrade H. W. House, of Virginia and North Carolina.

Comrade J. E. Gandy, of Washington and Alaska.

Commander in Chief REESE. Comrades, the hour has arrived to which we adjourned, 8 o'clock, and the secretary will call the roll to see whether we have a quorum. [The roll was then called, with the result shown above.] There is a quorum. Comrades, what is the first order of business?



Comrade TOWLER. Commander and comrades, I think you all know, without reminding you, that the council has to provide the money for the commander in chief, adjutant general, secretary, quartermaster general, and the custodian. I therefore move that the following sums be approved by the council, being the same amounts that have been allowed now for several years. The commander in chief has been allowed \$1,800, or so much thereof as may be needed, for traveling expenses; salary to the adjutant general, \$1,200; salary of the commander in chief's secretary, \$1,800.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Not to exceed.

Comrade TOWLER. Not to exceed. All on that basis. The salary of the quartermaster general, \$500; salary of the custodian, \$300. I move that these various sums be appropriated as in accordance with previous experience.

Comrade WRIGHT. Second the motion.

Commander in Chief REESE. It is moved and seconded that the usual amounts that have been allowed and that have been named be allowed for this year. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of the motion say "Aye." Contrary, "No." Carried. It is so ordered.

Comrade TOWLER. Now, there are some other matters that come before this council that are left over from the preceding year. They found it necessary last year to draw \$5,000 from the permanent fund. Since that time there has been about \$2,500 interest paid on the general fund, and there will be paid to the treasurer on account of third Liberty loan bonds \$1,500. That \$1,500, you know, has been called and will be paid. Interest stops on the 15th of September. Now, the executive committee recommended that that money be turned in to the general fund. They also took the same action, but left it for confirmation of this council, that the treasurer of the permanent fund be authorized to turn \$2,500 over to the general fund when required, on requisition. That is to say, if they don't have money enough this gives the quartermaster general authority, according to the rules and regulations, to draw \$2,500 from the permanent fund, the checking fund of the permanent fund, for the expense of the present administration and the expenses incident thereto. You see, the expenses are not only for the salaries which you have voted but there is postage, general orders—the printing bill is quite a large bill—and various and sundry other items that have to be met, and they have to send these things out prepaid. So, if it is in accordance with your idea, to give the comrades a chance to discuss the proposition, I will make the motion that the \$1,500 of Liberty bonds, when converted, and the interest accrued, be placed in the general fund, provided it is necessary for the work of the present administration.

Comrade NOLL. Commander, I second that motion.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. Or, in other words, we confirm the action of the former council?

Comrade TOWLER. Yes, sir; that is the result.

Commander in Chief REESE. Comrades, you have heard the motion as stated by Comrade Towler. All in favor of the motion——

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. Commander in Chief, I was a member of the executive committee that passed upon this and



referred this to this council. Since then there has been donated to the Grand Army something like \$8,000.

Commander in Chief REESE. How much?

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. Eight thousand. And there was, according to the report of Comrade Stowits, something like \$10,000 in the checking account. It won't be necessary, then, to draw on our public funds—our permanent funds—because it was stated, as I understand it, that the total expenses would run between \$15,000 and \$17,000 for the year. Now, we have on hand something over \$18,000, and I see no necessity of drawing on the reserve fund or our trust fund for any of this money.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. No need of drawing on that fund at all.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. The motion was "if required."

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. It won't be required.

Comrade NOLL. One thousand of the eight thousand is in the memorial fund. There is only seven thousand.

Comrade TOWLER. There is \$1,900. The Daughters gave us \$1,000 for the memorial fund.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. That would make about \$3,000 in the memorial fund that you can't use.

Comrade WRIGHT. You can't use it for any other purpose.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. In view of the fact we have sufficient funds on hand I don't think it is necessary for the expending of any more money to be authorized.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. It is only authorized.

Comrade WRIGHT. It will stay in the permanent fund without it is absolutely required. It is only put in there as an emergency in case anything happened. We didn't know anything about this \$5,000 then. I don't see any reason why that can't remain on the records, "if required." It will not be used unless it is necessary.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Certainly there won't be a dollar of it used unless it is absolutely necessary, of any kind.

Comrade TOWLER. How much will you draw on the funds you have to pay the bills of the present encampment?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. I can not tell exactly.

Comrade TOWLER. Approximately?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Perhaps \$2,500 to \$2,800. That has got to come out yet.

Comrade TOWLER. That is not included in the statement, because the bills haven't come in yet.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. That was included in the estimate of the \$17,000 for the year past.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. No.

Commander in Chief REESE. That was last year.

Comrade TOWLER. But there is about \$2,500 or more that will be needed to pay the necessary expenses of this encampment.

Comrade NOLL. There is another phase of the question, and that is, the quartermaster general's report is only brought down, I think, to the 1st of August.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Brought down to the 10th of August. There are these bills you are talking about of \$2,500 to \$3,000 that have accrued since, and they have got to be paid.



Comrade NOLL. Supplemental report.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. The supplemental report will show all that.

Commander in Chief REESE. All that are in favor of the motion will say "Aye." Contrary, "No." Carried. So ordered.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. We can go along all smooth now.

Commander in Chief REESE. I know it is a pretty good thing to know that you have got money ahead.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. I have had lots of experience. I have had 21 years.

Commander in Chief REESE. If you are away from home, if you haven't any money in your pocket it makes you uneasy.

Comrade TOWLER. It has been the custom to pay the retiring adjutant general \$200 for editing the journal of the encampment. I move that that sum be appropriated.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. Second the motion.

Commander in Chief REESE. It has been moved and seconded that the sum of \$200 be appropriated to the outgoing adjutant general for editing the journal. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of the motion say "Aye." Contrary, "No." Carried.

Comrade TOWLER. And we have heretofore paid, and I presume we will again, the official reporter, Mr. Elliott, \$200 for his services here at the national encampment.

Commander in Chief REESE. That will be proper. A motion will be in order for that.

Comrade TOWLER. I make the motion.

Comrade NOLL. I second it.

Commander in Chief REESE. It has been moved and seconded that we pay the reporter \$200 for his services at this encampment. All in favor of the motion say "Aye." Contrary, "No." Carried.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. I think that covers the ground.

Commander in Chief REESE. Now, comrades, there is an executive committee to be appointed. The commander in chief, senior vice commander—

Comrade TOWLER. Seven members of the council. You can take your time.

Commander in Chief REESE. I might as well appoint part of them.

Comrade TOWLER. That is up to you.

Commander in Chief REESE. Comrade Towler, Comrade Wright, Comrade Foster, Comrade Hambright, Comrade Gandy—five; Comrade Noll will be six. I wonder if I had better stop and see who I ought to appoint for the seventh one.

Comrade PHILLIPS. Phillips, of Kansas, is my name.

Commander in Chief REESE. Kansans are pretty good people. I guess maybe I will finish out with Comrade Phillips.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. That fills the board.

Commander in Chief REESE. Is there anything else to come before this council?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Towler is at head of the ticket and Wright second?

Commander in Chief REESE. Yes; in the order named.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. They are men of great experience, those men are.

Commander in Chief REESE. If any comrade thinks of anything else that ought to come before this council, let's hear it.

Comrade PRECHTEL. The council has no meetings except at the call of the commander?

Comrade FOSTER. They may adjourn subject to the commander's call.

Comrade JACKSON. I would like to mention some of the small departments, of one of which I am a member, and I notice a good many other departments had only the same number when they voted. The department of Georgia—22 in that department. Alabama has 21. Other departments are small. Does anyone know how small we can be—how small a number will be able to hold a charter?

Commander in Chief REESE. As long as you have one.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. You can hold a charter down to one man if he wants to elect himself to every office.

Comrade NOLL. The rules and regulations as amended to-day by the national encampment cover that very point that Comrade Jackson raises.

Commander in Chief REESE. As a department——

Comrade NOLL. That when a department can no longer function they become members at large by the payment of \$1 to the adjutant general.

Commander in Chief REESE. They can hold their charter as long as they have one member.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. That is all provided for.

Comrade PRECHTEL. I believe the rules require four posts to constitute a department, but they say nothing about how many can retain the charter, so I presume, as the commander in chief says, one member may hold it.

Commander in Chief REESE. They can continue as long as they want to if they have one member.

Comrade JUBB. I would like to inquire if a post can bring in a son of a veteran or club clerk to help?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Yes, sir; that is all provided for.

Comrade JUBB. I am glad to hear that.

Commander in Chief REESE. Post secretary.

Comrade JUBB. Couldn't the adjutant be a lady or stenographer?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. No, sir.

Commander in Chief REESE. She can act as adjutant, but she must be——

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Her title is secretary.

Comrade CLARK. Suppose there should be no installation to that office?

Comrade PRECHTEL. There is the point in connection with that. I think there is a practice in certain localities to give even the countersign to those assistants.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. They can not do it. That is illegal.

Comrade GANDY. We have provided a special badge for the secretary who acts under the adjutant. The adjutant signs all the reports, and they have a little badge that is given to his assistant. His secretary is entitled to that badge. I would like to inquire if any department has surrendered its charter in the last two or three years.



Quartermaster General STOWITS. No. Arizona was the last one.  
Commander in Chief REESE. I don't know as to that.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Two years ago.

Comrade GANDY. New Mexico has three or four members yet.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. They hold their charter yet.

Comrade GANDY. How many members has New Mexico?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. I think there is about 18. I haven't got a copy of the official roll.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. There was a question came up to me to-day from one of the posts of Colorado asking my advice what they should do on a matter, and I gave them a horseback opinion, as they used to say of lawyers. We have a post that has \$500 in their treasury, donated by citizens and various ways, and the post is now reduced to five members. Only two are able to attend post meetings, and the five want to divide that \$500 of money—distribute the property among themselves. My off-hand idea was that if they disbanded that that should be sent to the treasury of the department.

Comrade TOWLER. We had just such a case, only it was much larger—a case in Chicago, and that was the case that was up to-day in the encampment about the man Stewart—George G. Meade Post 444 in Chicago. The post owned the property in Chicago and they wanted to sell it. This man Stewart was adjutant of the post. As the money came in he put it in his pocket and did not account for it. Then the post tried him by court martial. He was dishonorably discharged. He has been more or less before the officers of the encampment since 1923 at Milwaukee.

Commander in Chief REESE. Five years it has been before them.

Comrade TOWLER. The commander in chief gave an opinion on the situation, and it is in the officers' reports. Well, the post sold their property for \$20,000.

Comrade WRIGHT. Seventeen.

Comrade TOWLER. Stewart told me 20.

Comrade WRIGHT. Seventeen.

Comrade TOWLER. He said they divided up the money among themselves, about \$650 apiece, and put it in their pockets—all the members. But they did it before the post disbanded—see the difference between doing it before and after.

Commander in Chief REESE. I understand that a post can do what they please with their own funds. It must be the post in regular organization while they are doing it. They can not disband and do it afterwards.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. This post has not disbanded and they have not surrendered their charter.

Commander in Chief REESE. As long as they continue as a post they can do as they please with their own funds.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. The department or national encampment have no jurisdiction over the funds of a post—not the same as a beneficial order.

Comrade WRIGHT. In connection with that case of Post 444, Illinois, action was taken against him in the civil courts as regards that money. After they sold the property they told Stewart that they would credit that judgment they had got against him with the amount of money that he was to have had from the post, and that didn't suit

him very well. They have a judgment against him for a considerable amount of money misappropriated, and so forth, and he is now trying to get reinstated. He has been by Saltzgaber. He was junior vice commander of the Department of Illinois. They claim that he lost his record, all his honors. When he was reinstated to a comrade in good standing he could join any post, and they happened to have a meeting one night and the quartermaster was not present, and he got another fellow to go up there and pay his dues and get a receipt in his name so that he was reinstated in the post, and the result is that he is now trying to get the honors back that he lost by his dishonorable discharge. The present commander in chief, being judge advocate, has ruled that he can not have them; he is eligible to the Grand Army, but he has lost all his past records.

Comrade TOWLER. I suggest that he read the present commander in chief's report. He was judge advocate general last year. There are four things given by him, and I think they are all sound. I was a member of the committee in 1924 at Boston.

Comrade GANDY. Wasn't there an opinion by McBride before that, too?

Comrade TOWLER. After that, comrade.

Comrade WRIGHT. Yes; I think so.

Comrade TOWLER. McBride, as judge advocate, in the session of the council, moved or recommended that the whole matter be referred to a committee of three consisting of Comrade Torrance, Comrade Van Sant, and myself, and we had all the papers in the matter. We sat up until 2 o'clock in the morning going through the whole matter, and we approved the finding of the court-martial, and that was adopted by the council of administration and afterwards by the encampment. But under his prerogative, Comrade Saltzgaber, who was elected commander at Boston, under his prerogative he remitted the sentence as far as his membership in the Grand Army was concerned, but did not restore him to membership in his post or to his honors. That is the history of the case. You will find it running through ever since 1923. It does no harm to be fair, and Comrade Cole was quite mistaken in a good many of the statements which he made to-day concerning that case.

Commander in Chief REESE. Sure he was.

Comrade TOWLER. Because the commander in chief has been all over it, and he knows the proposition.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. The oath of office administered to the post commander provides that if, during his administration, the post should disband, he will send all property of the post——

Comrade TOWLER. That is all right, but it must disband. As long as it functions as a post it has authority over its own affairs.

Comrade WRIGHT. How many departments are there where the assistant adjutant general has the facility of accepting the charters and all the papers of a disbanded post?

Commander in Chief REESE. None.

Comrade WRIGHT. I think that that is a part of the by-laws that ought to be changed.

Comrade TOWLER. That has been changed. They ought to go into the library or memorial hall or memorial building of the district, State, or county in which that post is situated.



Comrade HAMBRIGHT. That was acted on several years ago. It was changed either to the memorial hall or historical association.

Comrade TOWLER. Some library or something connected with the local post.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. We had a case of that kind where the charter of one of the local posts was surrendered, and it was delivered to the public library of Alamosa.

Comrade TOWLER. That is the town in which the post was located. That was in accordance with the rules.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. Our council of administration approved that.

Comrade TOWLER. Yes, sir; that was all right.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. We are running across these questions a good many times these last few years.

Comrade TOWLER. They accept everything.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. The charter has to be surrendered to headquarters.

Comrade TOWLER. Well, it is not.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. I know it is not.

Comrade TOWLER. It goes with the other stuff. I don't know how many posts are surrendered in Minnesota—not a great many, because we have got quite a few left. None of the charters have gone to headquarters. They put them in the public libraries, schools, and things of that kind. I think that is covered by the resolution.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. It is by the last resolution; yes.

Commander in Chief REESE. Is there anything else, any other question, comrades, that you want to bring up?

Comrade NOLL. There was one question that I noticed escaped the attention of the committee on rules and regulations, and that is a point raised by a post secretary in Florida writing to headquarters and wanting to know if a post could have more than one secretary. In other words, can the adjutant have a secretary and can the quartermaster have a secretary to assist him?

Commander in Chief REESE. I presume they can. They can be secretary to the quartermaster and secretary to the adjutant if the post desires. That would be my off-hand opinion.

Comrade FOSTER. I think that is right.

Comrade DAVIDSON. I will quote you the work in my post. I have been quartermaster for several years, and our adjutant, who has been adjutant for twenty-odd years, is unable to be present and has not been able to be out of the house for two years. I have been acting as adjutant. I have not employed anyone or selected anyone to take his place, but just asked permission from the commander to grant him further time to come back to his position. I am just simply acting adjutant.

Comrade TOWLER. In other words, adjutant pro tem.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. A comrade can act as adjutant and quartermaster both.

Commander in Chief REESE. I am in the same position you are. I have been acting as adjutant of our post for six or eight months. Our adjutant was unable to come to the post, and on last Tuesday week we laid him away. Now we haven't got any adjutant. I have been acting as adjutant pro tem. You can continue to do that, or your post can appoint an adjutant.

Comrade WRIGHT. Combine the two offices.

Comrade DAVIDSON. I am the quartermaster and have been for many years.

Commander in Chief REESE. They may combine the two offices. They have that privilege.

Comrade DAVIDSON. I have been doing the work myself, continuously.

Commander in Chief REESE. If you can not do the work you have authority to select some secretary.

Comrade DAVIDSON. I have had occasion to order from our worthy quartermaster general some badges for the assistant—for the acting adjutant for some of our posts in our department.

Commander in Chief REESE. That is up to you and your post.

Comrade DAVIDSON. Thank you.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Well, I move we adjourn.

Comrade FOSTER. Subject to the call of the commander in chief.

Comrade DAVIDSON. Just one more word. I am a member of George H. Thomas Post, No. 6, Department of Kentucky, Grand Army of the Republic. On December 31, 1927, I paid per capita tax on 19 members. Since March 21 of this year we have lost 7 members by death out of 19.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. That is a pretty hard loss.

Commander in Chief REESE. I believe we had 16 members in our post within a year. Now we have lost four members. But you pay per capita tax on the members you had when you made the report.

Comrade DAVIDSON. Oh, yes; that is right.

Comrade PHILLIPS. Commander in Chief, talking about the assistant secretary or adjutant, our experience has been—our quartermaster is a fine man, but he is very feeble and he can't keep the records, so we have got the son of a veteran in the person of Mr. Lewis, and he is fine. He keeps the record, and, of course, our adjutant sits right at his elbow and he signs all the necessary papers. And he is acting also for the Eggleston post. That has 19 members. He is acting quartermaster there. It is working fine. He has got his badge "Assistant secretary," and he is always on hand. He does his work fine. We have got the largest post in the State of Kansas at Wichita, Garfield Post 25. We have 70 members in good standing. Eggleston Post has about 19 members now in good standing. We visit back and forth. They are functioning and getting along fine. I felt as though I would like to make that kind of a report.

Commander in Chief REESE. That is very good. You have the privilege of appointing a secretary to do the business of your adjutant or quartermaster, keeping the record, except signing the name. The adjutant and quartermaster, if you have both, must sign whatever papers are necessary, but the secretary can do the work of the office. In my judgment you should select a son of a veteran or a daughter of a veteran, but nothing in the by-laws prevents you from selecting anybody that you wish. But I would give preference to a daughter or son.

Comrade PAUL. Mr. Commander. I want to state that the post that I belong to has 13 members now. We once had 265, but we have got reduced down to that number. I have been quartermaster now, I guess, for 15 years. We have elected a secretary. The adjutant and myself, we have to get some of our Relief Corps to keep the records, to write the records. We have a little fund in our post,



\$300 or \$400, and sometimes a question comes up about dissolving the post. Now, if we dissolve the post whom does that fund belong to?

Commander in Chief REESE. Why, it belongs to the post as long as you are acting as a post, but if you disband before you dispose of the funds or any other property it goes to the department. You can make any disposition of that you want to while you are acting as a post. I would advise you to dispose of that property as you wish before you disband.

Comrade PAUL. As I understand, if our post wishes to disband what money we have in the bank is turned right over to the State department.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. You better divide it before you disband.

Comrade PAUL. Can that money be divided up among the members?

Commander in Chief REESE. Certainly, before you disband. You can give it to some poor widow.

Comrade PAUL. I supposed when we dissolved the money went back to the department.

Commander in Chief REESE. It does if you disband before you dispose of the funds. But give it to some poor widow if you comrades don't want it yourselves. That would be a nice thing. Select the poor widows in your community.

Comrade PAUL. There has been quite a little talk among our members if we dissolved that we must divide the funds.

Commander in Chief REESE. You can divide the funds if you want to.

Comrade TOWLER. Before you dissolve, before you take any action to dissolve, before you send in your charter or anything of that kind. You won't have any funds when you send in your charter.

Comrade PAUL. If we divide the funds before we surrender the charter.

Commander in Chief REESE. Or give it to some widows. That would be a nice thing to do.

Comrade PAUL. I think we shall keep going just as long as we can.

Comrade WRIGHT. We have got a little post in Chicago that had 630 members. We have got 14 members left. We have got \$4,000 or \$5,000. The boys all wanted to divide it, and I have fought against it for years. I have been adjutant 28 years now, I believe. And they say, "Yes; you think you will live longer than any of us so you will get all that money."

Commander in Chief REESE. That is up to your post whatever you do, but if you dissolve and give up your charter before you arrange as to your funds why it goes to the department. You understand that. But if it were I, rather than give it to the department, I would select some poor widows in my community and give it to them.

Comrade JACKSON. I will just speak of a case to advise a little. Any of the members of the post dividing the money, and there are widows left that have contributed or their husbands have contributed in years past and helped accumulate this money, and the boys take it all and leave the widows out, there is trouble. I know of a case in Maine. I am not living in Maine. I know of a case where that occurred. I think I would advise the boys not to do anything of that kind. Include the widows when you divide your money.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. That is all right.



Comrade WRIGHT. That is a matter for the post entirely.

Comrade JACKSON. In Alabama I don't know—Mobile Post may have something, but in Birmingham we have a post, the original post, George A. Custer Post, No. 1, and we have a lot in the old cemetery. A memorial association was organized about 10 years ago, and we devoted the larger part of our money that we had in the post, had saved up, for the perpetual care of our lot, and in a resolution we passed the balance of it for that same purpose, which will pay up for perpetual care, which I think is a very good way—better than dividing it.

Commander in Chief REESE. That was a fine thing to do.

Comrade HOUSE. I would say, Mr. Commander, that in our department in our post alone we have seven members, and none of them who can get out to the post. I want to know how and what should we do. Should I just go to the different members different times and ask them how they would vote and put the vote before the post? I don't know just how to do it.

Commander in Chief REESE. To divide the funds in your post?

Comrade HOUSE. Yes.

Commander in Chief REESE. That is up to you, whatever you conclude to do if you have funds on hand that you don't need. I would advise you to give it to some widows that need it. That is up to you, what you do with it. But you must do whatever you desire before you disband. If you disband, why whatever property you have on hand goes to the department.

Comrade ALTENBERG. I would just like to make a 5-minute talk. I know of no resolution passed by the past council of administration recommending or deciding what time your next national encampment will be held. Twelve months ago when that was before the council the discussion was whether September 15 or 16 was too early or too late. If you adjourn now without setting that time or any time when it shall be this coming year, what will we members that are not present or not members of the executive committee know about it until final action? My suggestion is that that ought to be discussed before the outgoing council of administration. If it has been I have not heard it.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. We can not do anything until we go to make the contracts with the department and State or city where we are going to meet. They designate the time at their convenience. We are only guests. They are the hosts and they have the right to say to us whether it shall be October or September or not.

Comrade ALTENBERG. I am answered on that, but answer me further. When California was inviting us to the Pacific coast did they designate when they wanted to receive us? When Portland was inviting us to-day to meet there next year, did they indicate at what time?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. No, sir.

Comrade ALTENBERG. I have got the floor.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. We make a contract, and there is a copy of the contract that was made here. We go there and make a contract with them, and they designate the time. If it is agreeable to our executive committee, we accept it.

Comrade ALTENBERG. I agree with you on that, but I don't like the dates you set this year. We had it too late. You kept us from the



South from coming north when we wanted to come and get away from the hot weather. You put it in September and the summer was all over, and I come up here now and we have got to wear a fur coat. Seems to me that that ought to be understood now. We want you to let us come north earlier.

Comrade WRIGHT. I think it would be a good idea if the council know of the character of conditions they met when we went to Des Moines the first time.

Comrade ALTENBERG. I have been in Des Moines three times. If they will invite me, I will go.

Comrade WRIGHT. The committee when they got there made the suggestion that the Grand Army come, as they were having an arrangement made for the Spanish war veterans, the week after the Spanish war veterans. And I think it was Comrade Inman that said the Grand Army had not yet got to be the tail end of any other organization, so the city asked the time when they could entertain the Grand Army.

Comrade GANDY. The difficulty is here—recurring to that comrade's suggestion. The town where the encampment is to be held has to arrange it according to other conventions that have already been arranged for in the city. Portland may have an arrangement already with some big organization for a certain time in September—an arrangement already made. So that when our committee get there and confer with them for a date it has got to be governed by conditions that are there and already made in advance by other societies, and because some other society gets there and makes arrangements before we do that does not make us the tail of the kite by any means. It is taking advantage of the opportunity, the best opportunity we can get, and our executive committee and our commander and our quartermaster general will be on hand early to get the best chance there is to get, and get it before any other organization gets it.

Quartermaster General STOWERS. There is another point, and that is the railroads. You have got to listen to them. They will not give you a rate if you are going to travel during their vacation season when they are crowded. All those questions have got to be well considered. I thought I had my papers here. I have bundled them up and sent them back. I could show you that there are over 80 conventions already booked for 1929 in different places and different cities. They are asking me as quartermaster general to designate a time that we want to meet. We can not do it because we have got to make a contract with the city that is to entertain us beforehand, and they stand largely on the question of their schools and all that kind of business before they will sign.

Comrade ALTENBERG. That always is done by the executive committee. We will always stand by you, so go ahead.

Commander in Chief REESE. It has been the custom to hold our encampment sometime in September. We can not fix a date. As the comrades have stated, we have to fix a date in accordance with the wish of the city where we are to hold our encampment. If we were to fix the date now for the 15th of September when we would go to Portland, they might say: "Why, we have got a convention on hand for that week. We can not give you that week, but if you fix it for the 10th of September or the 20th of September we can handle it." You must leave it to the judgment of the executive com-

mittee and the city in which you are going to hold the encampment. They must agree on that. I have no doubt but what they will try to get a date as near the middle of September as we can, either before or after.

Comrade PAUL. Haven't we got to select the date?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. No.

Commander in Chief REESE. The executive committee. The commander and senior vice commander and the executive committee will look after that matter and make a contract with the city as to what time. They would have to submit a date to them. If they can not entertain us on the 10th of the month, why they will tell us so and we will have to fix some other date, the week before or the week after the 15th. We will be governed by the wishes of the city in which we are to hold our encampment, because they must be considered as well as ourselves. They are supposed to entertain us and they can not do it if we want our encampment on a date which they have already made arrangements to entertain some large gathering.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. I would just like to suggest to the gentleman from Arkansas your overcoat yesterday would have been rather a burden.

Comrade TOWLER. The nineteenth national encampment was held at Portland, Me., June 24 and 25, 1885.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JEWEL. Portland, Me., has a very late season with an early fall.

Commander in Chief REESE. Forty-three years ago.

Comrade TOWLER. That is the date they fixed.

Comrade ALTENBERG. I want to notify the members of the council of administration the 4th of July would suit me better. I would like to come north when it is warm.

Commander in Chief REESE. Comrades, if you want to change it to April or May or June, why this is the time for you to do it.

Comrade TOWLER. You will interfere with all the department encampments then.

Comrade HENRY A. JOHNSON, of the Potomac. I would like to inquire of some one who is familiar with the conditions of temperature whether the middle of September is not rather late to hold an encampment there in September. If you can possibly get it in August, seems to me that would be a better month on account of the cool temperature.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Now you are striking the railroads. You don't know what it is to try and get those rates.

Commander in Chief REESE. There are about three parties, you know, to fixing the date.

Comrade TOWLER. Or more.

Comrade GANDY. Commander, I move we adjourn subject to the call of the commander in chief.

(Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief REESE. It is moved and seconded that we adjourn to meet at the call of the commander in chief. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of that say "Aye." Contrary, "No."

(Carried.)

(Whereupon, at 9 o'clock p. m., the meeting of the national council of administration stood adjourned.)



# OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES ALLIED WITH THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

TOLEDO, OHIO, *October 1, 1928.*

The ninth annual conference of the federated patriotic societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic was called to order at 4 p. m., Sunday, September 16, 1928, in the gold room of the Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, Colo., by the president, Mrs. Sarah J. Ehrmann (Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic), of Lackawanna, N. Y.

Mrs. Cassea Osbourn, past national chaplain of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, led in prayer, and Mrs. Mamie Deems, past national president of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, led in the salute to the flag. All joined in singing America, with Mrs. Mabel Lockwood at the piano.

Thirty-six members responded at roll call, and these, with representatives from the different organizations, helped to make the meeting interesting and instructive.

The national president, Mrs. Ehrmann, in a very pleasing way, welcomed the visitors and members and read a most comprehensive report of her year's work and of the efforts she had made to organize department and local units of the federated patriotic societies. Mrs. Ehrmann said she had been handicapped through a lack of circulars and stationery and recommended that the incoming president appoint a committee to compile a circular setting for the aims and objects of the federation. Her report was full of good thought for the future.

The secretary-treasurer read her annual report, stating that the most happy, harmonious feeling existed among the organizations federated.

The financial report was as follows:

Balance on hand last report	\$112. 13
Dues	125. 00
Total receipts	237. 13
Disbursements:	
Printing, stationery, notices, cards	\$6. 50
Postage, secretary-treasurer	4. 10
Total disbursements	10. 60
Balance	226. 53

These reports were accepted, by motion made by Mrs. Ross, seconded by Mrs. Rowlings, and carried.

Past Commander in Chief Willett of the Grand Army asked for information regarding the federation, stating that the aims and objects were not known to him, and he asked why the World War soldiers were not included. Miss Raynor, secretary, read from the constitution and by-laws of the federated patriotic societies, explaining that this was only a Grand Army affair. Judge Willett

then asked that the organization known as the Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic be not recognized as the Grand Army did not recognize them.

Most interesting talks were given by Past Commander in Chief Arensburg of the Grand Army; Mrs. Marybelle Ross, of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Mrs. Ida Glasgow, national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Judge H. M. Pratt, national patriotic instructor of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and Mrs. Mamie Deems, past national president of the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans; Mrs. Inez J. Bender, past national president Woman's Relief Corps and also past president of the federated patriotic societies; and Mrs. Edith Mason Christy, past national president of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Open forum for the good of the order brought several good thoughts for the organization of departments and local units.

Under "New business" the following officers were elected:

President: Judge H. M. Pratt, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Vice president: Mrs. Mamie B. Deems, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans.

Secretary-treasurer: Miss Grace L. Johnson, Woman's Relief Corps, Toledo, Ohio.

After the usual closing the conference adjourned to the Crystal Room, Brown Palace Hotel, where the annual banquet was held. Around a beautifully decorated table, 82 members and guests enjoyed a most delicious dinner. The president of the federated patriotic societies presided as toastmaster and the presiding head of the federated societies who were present responded in a most happy manner as follows: Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic, Elbridge L. Hawk, of California; national president Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Emma W. Campbell, of Minnesota; national president Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Mrs. Marybelle Ross, of Illinois; national president Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Ida Glasgow, of Michigan; and for the commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, H. M. Pratt, Iowa; and for the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, Mrs. Mamie Deems, of California.

Kate G. Raynor, retiring secretary-treasurer, made a few remarks and the ninth annual conference of the federated patriotic societies closed, each one feeling that the ties were a little stronger that hold the members of the Grand Army of the Republic family together than ever before.

Supplemental report of secretary-treasurer:

Balance on hand per above report	\$226. 53
Banquet expenses	24. 00
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Balance to date	202. 53

The foregoing minutes of the ninth annual conference of the federated patriotic societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic are approved as the official records of said conference.

SARAH J. EHRLMANN,  
*President.*

KATE G. RAYNOR,  
*Secretary-Treasurer.*





# UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS CAMP FIRE AND PARADE

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THE LIFE AND REIGN  
OF  
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RECEPTION AND SEMIOFFICIAL MEETING OF THE SIXTY-  
SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE GRAND  
ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, HELD IN THE CIVIC AUDI-  
TORIUM, DENVER, COLO., MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 17, 1928

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William D. Nash, jr., assistant general chairman, presiding.

(After the audience had assembled, while waiting for some of the speakers to arrive, Mr. Everett Foster sang Kipling's Recessional, by De Koven, and two verses of The Battle Hymn of the Republic. The George W. Cook Drum Corps and Band then played Sons of Veterans' March and El Capitan.)

Chairman NASH (8.25 p. m.). Ladies and gentlemen, first we will have J. King Gibson, chaplain in chief, give the invocation.

Chaplain in Chief J. KING GIBSON, chaplain of the National Military Home, Ohio. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Chairman NASH. Now we will sing one verse of The Star-Spangled Banner.

(The audience sings.)

Our governor, the Hon. William H. Adams, was unavoidably called out of the city. However, he is very ably represented by one of the justices of the Supreme Court of the State of Colorado. At this time I call on Judge J. Hickman Walker, representing the State of Colorado.

Hon. J. HICKMAN WALKER. Ladies and gentlemen, Governor Adams regrets, and so do we all, that he is unable to be here this evening. He has requested me in his stead and in his name as the chief executive of Colorado to extend a welcome to the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, their friends and auxiliaries.

The people of the whole State of Colorado are thrilled with joy and pride at your presence—your presence which is a privilege and a favor to us, which grows rarer and more precious with each passing year.

It may serve to mark the extent of your service to the country to reflect that you have thrice come for your national encampment to a great commonwealth whose star had not yet glittered upon the flag when you carried it in battle but whose fortune and destiny are bound up in the issue of that flag.

Your presence is to us an inspiration, and it is our earnest hope that by your sojourn in Colorado and under the influence of its salubrious climate and amid the manifestations of our regard you



too will be strengthened and that the years may be lengthened wherein you shall enjoy the veneration of your grateful countrymen. [Applause.]

Chairman NASH. The next address of welcome is by our honorable mayor of the city and county of Denver, Benjamin F. Stapleton. Mayor Stapleton.

Mayor STAPLETON. Members of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Auxiliaries, it is indeed a distinguished honor that you have conferred upon our city and the inhabitants thereof by making this third visit to the city. We appreciate beyond words the fact that you have chosen Denver as your meeting place this year, and we trust that you will enjoy yourselves more even than you have in the past.

We want to express the hope that you may be spared for years and years to come, and somewhere, as time goes on, that you will remember Denver and come again.

We want you to feel welcome. We want you to know that you are welcome. We want you to know that we feel that you have honored us by coming. We want you to know that we appreciate in every way your coming; and not only the officials of the convention bureau, of the city administration, of the State administration but the good people of Denver and of the State of Colorado appreciate your coming, and they are all interested in your welfare and in the enjoyment of your stay in Denver.

We just hope and trust that it will be all that you have expected, and that you will go away delighted with your meeting here; and that you will have an opportunity to come again. [Applause.]

Chairman NASH. Before introducing the commander in chief I want to present at this time Comrade George A. Hosley, chief of staff, of Boston.

Chief of Staff GEORGE A. HOSLEY. Comrades, ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, ladies of the Grand Army, Sons and Daughters of Veterans, and their auxiliary, I have a pleasant duty to perform here to-night—one that I have officiated at and performed, this is my twelfth time—in presenting to our dear commander in chief an emblem of his retiring from office. Our commander in chief has given a year of strenuous work to the Grand Army of the Republic, and now I am going to ask him to stand before the audience here and receive a partial reward of appreciation and esteem that is held by us, the aides of the national staff and members of his official family.

Commander in Chief, you will please stand up. [Applause.] [Pinning handsome jeweled Grand Army badge upon the breast of the commander in chief.] Commander in Chief, wear that over a heart that beats true and loyal to this grand country of the United States of America and to your God. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief ELBRIDGE L. HAWK. Mr. Chief of Staff, comrades, I want to say to you that ever since I was elected commander in chief there has been one thing after another. I have encountered nothing during my whole term but pleasure. And to a country boy coming from a small city of only a little over 100,000 I have been in many of these large cities overwhelmed by your kindness, and often wished that I could hide during the time, because it was too much for me. I felt that I had never experienced these things, and they



were due to some of these big fellows that can walk the streets and take the whole sidewalk. I have never been able to do that. I have never been disposed to do that, even if I could. I never have done differently one day from the next. I have been a worker. I have tried to be just the same yesterday and to-day and not ride on anyone else. It has been my striving and my pleasure to do every day all of the good that I could do for that day, and I have always enjoyed a good sleep at night. I have tried even to do all that I felt I ought to, and sometimes I have carried over a very heavy load for the next day.

But I am sure that the past year the comrades have overwhelmed me, so that I can never, if I should live as long as Methuselah, repay them for the kindness they have done to me. I certainly appreciate this splendid gift that you have given me here to-night, and I will wear it as long as I live, keep it all through the years that I have and leave it to those that come after me. But I am sure that as long as I do live that I will have you earnestly in mind for the many, many pleasant and happy days that I have passed through this past year.

Now, I will say no more at this time, but thank you for all your kindness to me, not alone to the Grand Army of the Republic but for our auxiliary and all the allied organizations. They have been more than kind to me. They have watched my step and taken care of me in my trips. I have traveled nearly 20,000 miles during my term, and I have never felt weary, never been alone. Always some one looking out for me. I tell you it is a pleasant thought, my comrades and friends, to know and feel that you have so many looking after you and caring for you during your term. I am sure that as I go home, possibly to welcome you next year in California as I hope to, that we will live and meet in the same numbers as we are meeting here in your beautiful city to-night. [Applause.]

(Music by the band.)

Chairman NASH. We have with us this evening the president of the United Veterans Council. We are going to call on him at this time for an address of welcome. Mr. Earl Wettengel.

Mr. WETTENGEL. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief, members of the Grand Army of the Republic and federated societies, it is my pleasure, my privilege, and my honor to greet you and welcome you to-night in the name of the United Veterans Council of the city of Denver. In the more than 60 years that have passed since the formation of the Grand Army of the Republic, in every line, civic, fraternal, and every other form, in Nation, State, and city, the Grand Army of the Republic have been the leaders and the backbone of every worth-while movement. But in the city of Denver your comrades have gone just one step farther, putting aside and relinquishing some of the glory and honor and front rank position to which they are so justly entitled. They have taken under their sheltering wing their sons of the Spanish-American War and their grandsons of the World War, and have combined with the United Spanish War Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the American Legion, and the Disabled American Veterans of the World War in the formation of a little local city council in which all service men, all men who ever wore the uniform and served the flag in any war of the United States are just comrades and brothers, regardless of age or what that war may have been. [Ap-



plause.] And it is on behalf of that organization, by reason of the fact that my elder brethren of the Grand Army, as I said in opening, stepped aside and forced many of the honors and courtesies upon the younger men, that it is my privilege to intrude this evening and to greet you in the name of your comrades of 1898 and of 1917, for, I think, my comrades, that you will say that I am not presumptuous, in spite of my age, in calling you "comrades" from that standpoint. [Applause.]

For, after all, we served the same flag, and we served the flag that you men of 1861 kept the stars of union in. The boys of '98 carried it on foreign soil for the first time, and the boys of '17 tried to carry on in the same spirit. So to-night as comrades we do greet you and welcome you to Denver, and so God bless you, every one. We want you back 10 years from now and 20 years from from now. [Applause.]

One soldier speaking to another is prohibited at times from some of the flights of oratory and fancy that others may indulge in without being accused of insincerity. But I believe, my friends, that I am not overstating the facts when I say that the men of '98, represented in our organization through the United Spanish War Veterans, as they went forth on foreign soil in answer to the call of distressed Cuba in an attempt to put an end to four centuries of Spanish cruelty and oppression in the Western Hemisphere, as they charged San Juan and Santiago and struggled through the rice fields and swamps of Luzon and the other islands of the far-off Philippine group, in their minds and in their hearts was the picture and the thought and the example set by their fathers at Shiloh and Donelson and Vicksburg and Gettysburg, and the Army of the Potomac and the Army of the West, and that their success was due to the fact that they dared not come home and tell those Civil War sires that they had failed.

The boys who carried the flag for the first time on the soil of the Old World in Europe in 1917-18—I think it was the thought of that grandsire in faded blue who had bade him farewell and told him to do his job like a man; I think it was the thought of that grandsire and that grandmother of Civil War days that made them carry on, that made them face the greatest fighting machines of all the world, untrained and unprepared as were you, and face them on equal terms, and put to rout the greatest fighting machine that Germany could muster. [Applause.]

I can not begin, in the short time available, with the many noted speakers yet to follow whom you really want to hear from, to tell you what your visit means to us, the inspiration that your comrades in the Denver post and all of the posts of all of the Nation have been to the younger fellows since '98 on; but I only want to say to you, my friends, to-night, that as we of the younger veterans' group watch your parade next Wednesday, especially those of us who remember it some twenty-odd years ago, remember the marching thousands that passed by for hour after hour then, and as we notice day after to-morrow the slight decrease in numbers that will pass the reviewing stand, I want you to know that we will be thinking that in our minds and hearts the army of the dead will be walking side by side with you, unmarialed save by their own deeds, wearing their wounds like stars. And as we gaze upon them and upon you, we, the



men of '98 and '17, will pledge you that as long as one of us younger men shall walk the earth the ideals that the Grand Army have fought for shall not die.

We want you back, as I have said before, 10 years from now. We know that the spirit that has made you come thousands of miles across the country and arrive here in such good humor and such good health, that that same spirit is going to carry you beyond all preconceived ideas of human strength and endurance. We need you to steady the Nation. We need the example set by those men in every little city, hamlet, and village wearing that plain bronze button to denounce the enemies of our national existence—people who would tell us that our national ideas are outgrown, outworn, and would deride that form of constitutional government that you men fought to save. We know that the example of your living presence has helped to keep the ship of state on an even keel.

We want you to help guide the younger veterans' organizations. And why? I do not mean to say to the men of the Spanish War, men represented by such modest individuals as our good mayor here, a member of that organization, good men of that kind, that they have not found themselves, but I know the men of 1917-18 still need your advice, your help, and your guidance in carrying on. And we hope that you will not, as some have said, consider this one of your last conventions; that you will carry on and come back to us here in Denver; that you will adopt as a thought in your mind and in your thought perhaps the words that Tennyson puts in the mouth of Ulysses as he describes that old warrior in the twilight of his days, when he says in closing that wonderful little poem:

Tho' much is taken, much abides; and tho'  
We art not now that strength which in old days  
Moved earth and heaven; that which we are, we are;  
One equal temper of heroic hearts,  
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will  
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield

And we want you to carry on with us. We want you to help us teach the younger generation that, although our liberty was given to us of the younger generation, because we take it as effortless as we do the air or sunshine or the flowers, we must not forget that it was the product of centuries of struggle by our ancestors, that it came to us as the product of a hundred bloody battle fields all grimy with wounds and seared with blood; that it is something that won't live by itself. It is something that we must continue to be militant lovers and militant crusaders and soldiers for, this great, big thing we call liberty of the United States, liberty protected by law; that it can only continue to survive when men are willing to fight and, if need be, die for it, as you men were in '61.

If we can only carry on with this spirit, if we can only have your help but for a few years more until the younger organizations can secure the grip you once had on the hearts and minds of the people of the United States, why then, my friends, I am confident that that flag whose stars you pinned on the azure of its field with bayonets, the American flag which was first unfurled to the breezes of heaven on the banks of the Brandywine and hovered over the barefoot soldiers of the Revolution from Valley Forge to Yorktown where the hand of imperialism surrendered the scepter of authority to the



hand of liberty; that flag which was with Jackson at New Orleans and watched Pakenham's legions vanish like the mist and made us mistress of the high seas; that flag which scaled the walls of Montezuma and forced Mexico to acknowledge our Territorial rights; that flag which trailed through blood from Bull Run to Appomattox, tore off the mask of slavery and proclaimed to the world the everlasting union of these States; that flag which in 1898 extended its folds to little, distressed Cuba; and that flag which in 1917 on the soil of Europe proved its sons the equal of the finest fighting machines of all the Old World—why, that flag shall then wave over a Nation forever united, conservative, law-abiding, the home of freedom and the hope of humanity. [Applause.]

Chairman NASH. Address of welcome, Mr. Crockett Ricketts, commander Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

Department Commander CROCKETT RICKETTS. Ladies and gentlemen, the hour is already late; you are all tired; therefore I will not attempt to make a speech. I will simply say on behalf of the veterans of this State and this department, whom I have the honor to represent, that we bid you all heartfelt welcome. We want you to enjoy yourselves and stay with us as long as you can. We want you to bathe in our glorious Colorado sunshine; we want you to fill your lungs with pure mountain air; we want you to drink of our limpid waters, the strongest beverage we have to offer; we want you to enjoy every hour that you are here; and we want you to take home with you none but pleasant memories. And when you think of your visit to the wild and woolly West and how you have been entertained here, we hope you will regard it as one of the brightest spots in your experience. Again I thank you in behalf of my comrades for your visit, and bid you welcome.

Chairman NASH. Next, comrades, we will have a response by one whom I do not feel needs any introduction to most of you, and one to whom I feel that I am not capable of giving the suitable introduction that he deserves. I call at this time upon Elbridge L. Hawk, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HAWK. My comrades and friends, and all the organizations, as well as the citizens of this beautiful city, we are for the third time assembled, the Grand Army of the Republic, in this beautiful city; first, 45 years ago when this city was but little more than a village, and then some 23 years ago when it had got up to the heights of a city. But since that time, we are informed, it has doubled, and in riding over it it would seem that you take in the whole State of Colorado—I was going to say California, because this audience and the people that I meet on the street and everywhere I go since I have been here seem to me like our California people. [Applause.]

Now, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Mayor, we certainly appreciate the welcome that you have given us here. The comrades, their smiling faces tell you all every place you go, on the streets, in the hotel corridors or any place else, they tell the story better than anyone can tell it.

We have with us here at this time the largest gathering of Grand Army boys that will probably ever assemble in this country. They represent the youth that went out and did their little bit many years

ago, and we feel that they did their work well and satisfactorily and brought to us a country that we are proud of and that is second to none in the world.

Now, Mr. Chairman, we old boys never get so old but that we like to hear the story that we have done something. We are like almost anyone else that achieved anything in this world—they like to hear of it. We did no more in our time, with the environments and the way we were equipped, than did the Army 30 years ago or the great World War some 9 years ago. They finished their work. They did it as they came along. They were Americans, and they did their work just as we did it.

But we feel proud, and as we grow older we perhaps relish more hearing things said of us. We feel like I heard of a gentleman years ago—Doctor Deans, I think it was, of New York. He said:

If I have done anything in this world that pleases you, if I have done anything that was good for you, anything that has helped you in any way, anything that was good for the community, anything that was good for the State or the citizens, tell it to me now. Don't wait till I am laid in front of you and then give out eulogies that will fill a column in the newspaper. I would rather have one word now.

That is the way we feel, and you are giving it to us, Mr. Mayor. Mr. Chairman, you are giving it to us in this city. You are telling us that you feel grateful to us for what we have done, doing our service and the little bit we did. It makes us feel that you appreciate that work, and it pleases us because you make us believe it. You don't only say it to us; you say it to us so that it reflects back, like the echo that comes.

I defy anyone to find a comrade to-day around the streets of this city that is not feeling good and glad that he came here. We are all proud of it, and so are all the organizations that keep us up.

Mr. Mayor and Mr. Chairman, we have an auxiliary numbering up into 200,000. We have Daughters of Veterans and Sons of Veterans and their auxiliary, and we have the Ladies of the Grand Army. We have all of those that help us along, that have kept us. They have made us young. They are keeping us young, keeping us out of the rut. We feel now that we have come up on the stage of action here. After the war, for 40 years almost every President of the United States save one was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. We feel that we have done our bit. We are satisfied. We are not disgruntled. We feel that the world has been good to us, that the country has been good to us, and that the people of all the towns and cities and States have been good to us. And we go down as we do, but we are not going any faster than we are. We are not hurrying to those beautiful golden streets of Jerusalem. Some of our ministers and friends tell us how beautiful those streets are, even much better than here. I want to say to you we are no more in a hurry to get there than they are. We are going to stay here as long as we can. [Applause.] Something was said about coming here again in 10 years. We are going to stay on earth for some time yet. [Applause.] I know that the boys will go away from here feeling happy and glad that they came to Colorado, and while in the game of baseball it is three times and out, I hope that they will change that and come here again, from the reception that we have received here.



Chairman NASH. I would like to make an announcement. I shall read a telegram from Dr. David C. Bayless, who you have noticed is general chairman of the citizens' committee. It is from New York City:

Regret that urgent business for the interests that I represent has kept me beyond the time set for return. I can not express to you or through you the keen disappointment this has caused me. From the time that I undertook the task of general chairman of the citizens' committee my heart and soul and energy have been transplanted into this opportunity of Denver and our State of Colorado to give cordial and grateful greeting and care to the defenders of our Nation in its time of need. We owe them far more than we shall ever be able to repay. It is our civic duty and pleasure to express to them and the auxiliary organizations the welcome and spirit of our city and State. Please say to all that I know what I am missing, and that our organization has tried to do its best in every way.

Sincerely,

DAVID C. BAYLESS.

[Applause.]

I wanted to read that message from Doctor Bayless. That will partially explain why I am here—just one of the spokes in the wheel of the citizens' committee. I know I am speaking for the entire committee in saying we are going to try, and are trying, to do everything possible to make your visit here the most enjoyable that you have ever had.

In the next introduction, words fail me, as I am sure they would fail any orator in expressing such noble work as these wonderful women have done and are doing, and their presence here is something that I am sure we all more than appreciate. I take pleasure in introducing Mrs. Alice Cary Risley, national president of the National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War.

Mrs. RISLEY. Comrades, I remember saying to you at one time that I hoped as long as you held these encampments an Army nurse of the Civil War would bring you greetings. When the encampment was held in Philadelphia, I think in 1899, there were 67 Army nurses present, but the officials of the Grand Army had not taken us to their hearts at that time, and so no greetings were brought to them. Now, after all these years, there are only six Army nurses able to attend this convention, and privately I will tell you one of them is 95 years old.

I would like to talk to you in a reminiscent way, but here is the president of the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army, Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans, and Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, waiting to tell you how much they love you, and all the nice things they have in store for you. But, comrades, the Army nurse was doing that, showing her affection for the boys and her love of country, before any of these organizations were born. [Applause.] Now the time has come when the old must make way for the new. So be it. But blessed be the tie between the veteran and the Army nurse of the Civil War. [Applause.]

Chairman NASH. Response to Mrs. Risley's greetings by Dr. Louis F. Arensberg, past commander in chief.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. Commander in Chief, ladies, and gentlemen, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I do not know that there is anyone in the Grand Army of the Republic knows better or more than I do about what the services of the nurses during the Civil War meant to the Army. My experience



with them in the latter part of the war gave me some knowledge of what they sacrificed and the duties they performed.

I am sure, Mrs. Risley, that as long as the Grand Army is in existence that my comrades, myself included, will never forget the services rendered by the Army nurses during the Civil War from 1861 to 1865. [Applause.]

Chairman NASH. Next, greetings from the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Emma W. Campbell, national president.

Mrs. CAMPBELL. Mr. Chairman, commander in chief, representative of the governor, and the mayor of the city of Denver, I am extremely pleased to be called upon to extend our appreciation on behalf of my organization for the kindly welcome expressed by the officials of this State and city. We feel that we are going to be happy in your midst. We feel that we are going to enjoy this kindly hospitality so graciously extended to us who are here assembled to hold our annual convention; and we say to you that we know you are going to make us so welcome that we will want to be coming back to Denver again and again.

I would be remiss in my duty if I did not tell you something of the objects of my organization, as we are the auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic. We were primarily organized to assist the Grand Army of the Republic in many and various ways. I might go on and speak to you in figures, and some of them would go into probably seven or eight figures, but I will simply enumerate the branches of which these figures might speak. Figures are rather monotonous.

It has been our privilege during the 45 years of our organization to provide for relief among the Union veterans and their dependents. We observe very keenly Memorial Day in the South. It is our pleasure to give to and assist the Army nurses of the Civil War. We have extended our activities to the soldiers of the World War. We are interested in those who live in the soldiers' homes and in the soldiers' widows' homes. We have also extended our gifts to the Near East relief, and we are deeply interested in the mountain schools of the South. It is our pleasure to give to what is known as the permanent fund of the Grand Army of the Republic. We have many and various kinds of scholarships which have been placed in schools, colleges, and other public educational institutions. We are keenly interested in the work of child welfare. In later years we have given much time to national defense. We are contributing freely of our money and earnest effort to learn how to overcome the influences antagonistic to our Government. We are also interested in the work of Americanism. We are urging foreigners to become naturalized, and promoting the teaching of the principles of true citizenship. We are cooperating with other agencies actively engaged in constructive service for the foreign born. Much may be done to make or mar the loyalty of these would-be citizens whom even the restricted immigration laws throw upon the United States to be assimilated or to remain forever alien and maybe also hostile to our country and our flag.

The founders of our Republic had concepts of human rights and human equality which they put forward. These ideals were sustained or broadened by our fathers and brothers of the Grand Army of the Republic. Our work is to carry on, not only to preserve but



to help develop American ideals of liberty, opportunity, and justice, because our country is being renewed from generation to generation by incoming groups of people who are seeking those things for which America stands. A most patriotic work for any organization is to interpret those ideals in terms of friendship, tolerance, and fair play. To do this we must work for a better understanding between native and foreign born. Where there is understanding there is mutual respect, appreciation, and love.

**Patriotic education:** Our organization has made a wide distribution of flags and patriotic literature. This past year we have distributed 42,000 flags to schools, churches, cemeteries, etc.; 48,000 American Creed cards and flag codes have been given out. The amount expended for this work is, in round figures, \$94,000.

We keenly recognize the importance of active participation in civic affairs of city, State, or Nation and regard it a patriotic duty to vote at any and all elections in order to retain our republican form of government. [Applause.]

We maintain a students' loan fund and scholarships. We are lending assistance to worthy young people to procure an education and maintain numerous paid-up scholarships throughout the United States. Many of these scholarships have been placed in schools of the southern mountain districts. Here in the mountains there is a splendid citizenry, which sprang from a great and heroic ancestry and which had a heritage and background far beyond that of many American citizens. We have the pure, untainted blood of the pioneer Americans. All they need is the education their heritage deserves.

**Living memorials:** We are urging tree planting extensively and emphasizing their dedication to the Grand Army of the Republic. This morning it was our privilege to dedicate live trees in the city park of this fair city of Denver honoring Past Commanders in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic James Tanner and Washington Gardner, and a past department commander of the Department of Colorado, one tree to the Grand Army of the Republic and one tree to our own beloved and honored Mary Lord Carr, a past national president—and what is more, a charter member of this organization. Mrs. Carr is a resident of Colorado and makes her home at Longmont. The number of memorial trees planted has been 418, and 158 memorial boulders and bronze tablets have been dedicated throughout this past year.

**The matter of pensions:** We are now paying monthly pensions to our revered and honored Army Nurses of the Civil War.

**The work of child welfare:** We are promoting child welfare in all of its branches. Our order is receiving much credit for its forward movement in that which relates to the care of the indigent, crippled children. Our organization has been very successful in the work for what is known as the underprivileged child. More than 70 cases were cared for this last year with splendid results. If a life is worth more than \$7,000, as we are told by economists, by curing the 200,000 crippled children in the country it would add \$1,400,000 to the productive power of society. The National Woman's Relief Corps are trying to do their bit along this line. Our expenditures this past year for child welfare was the magnificent sum of \$5,000.

Other departments of our work are preserving the etiquette of the flag; we have a department of narcotic investigation, patriotic essays



and films, legislation in the United States Congress, directors of service to Army nurses, United States veterans' hospitals, junior clubs, and publicity.

The National Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, has the distinction of being the only patriotic organization in existence founded solely on the basis of loyal womanhood regardless of kinship, and through which any woman may render patriotic service to her country and flag.

Commander in Chief, when it was announced in our convention one year ago that we were to hold our annual meeting of 1928 in the city of Denver, Colo.—you will note I said Colorado and not California—I think I ought to tell this audience that I have traveled this past year from the Pacific to the Atlantic coast with the commander in chief. I will say that I have been splendidly educated in the history and the health-giving sunshine and flowers of California. [Applause.] I heard so much about it that it seemed to me for my own little State of Minnesota there was nothing very much left to say. But finally I thought of something, that I hailed from the city of Minneapolis, Minn. I told the commander in chief of Minneapolis, with its great flouring mills—we have the largest flour mill in the world located on the banks of the Mississippi in the city of Minneapolis. We are called the Flour City, only we spell it F-l-o-u-r. [Applause.] Our city is called the bread basket of the world, and I told him that California depended upon Minneapolis for the staff of life. [Applause.]

Now, Commander in Chief, we were so pleased when we were told that we were to come to Denver for our annual meeting this year, for we had the fine feeling that we were coming home. This is our third convention in the city of Denver. We were organized on July 26, 1883, in Euclid Hall in this city of Denver. [Applause.] So we feel that we have come home, and it has been our desire and our wish to fittingly commemorate this home-coming.

So, Commander in Chief, our organization has made me a very proud and happy president this evening, having asked me in their behalf to present to your organization of the Grand Army of the Republic this check which reads: "Pay to the order of Elbridge Lafayette Hawk, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, the sum of five thousand dollars"; and it bears the signature of Josie C. Bennett, treasurer of the National Woman's Relief Corps. I present it to you, Commander in Chief, with the love and the warm esteem of the National Woman's Relief Corps.

Commander in Chief Hawk. Mrs. President, I want to say to you and to my comrades that you have taken my breath away. The idea—who would not have a Woman's Relief Corps to take care of them, to furnish the wherewith for us to run, running up into thousands—\$5,000. Do you realize that that is a great bunch of money? How in the world did you ever raise that sum of money for us old boys; voluntary contributions or some other way? I want to say to you that there has never been a time, though, in the history of the Woman's Relief Corps, that the Grand Army of the Republic needed anything, asked for anything, or wanted anything, but what it has been furnished by them when they had the information.

But this generous gift, Mrs. President, overwhelms me, as I say. I don't know what in the world I will do with it. My only regret



is I suppose I will have to turn it over to the quartermaster general and let him disburse it through the next commander in chief. I am certain I don't get in on this fund to help spend the money. What in the world we will do with that I don't know, but I think the incoming commander in chief will find some means to expend it to the satisfaction of the Woman's Relief Corps; and I thank you sincerely for all my comrades present and those that are absent. Certainly we appreciate and love the Woman's Relief Corps, and my experience and pleasure traveling with them and with you, Mrs. President, has been most wonderful, and I will remember it all my life. I am sorry indeed—the only regret I have is that it is ended so soon, as it will be when this convention is over.

I thank you for the Grand Army of the Republic, and this will doubtless be applied and used to your satisfaction and that of your organization. I thank you, Mrs. President.

Mrs. CAMPBELL. Next in the love of the National Woman's Relief Corps comes the Army nurses. It is with pleasure, Mrs. Risley, we present by you this check of \$100 on behalf of the National Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Chairman NASH. Next is a response to Mrs. Campbell—Hon. Samuel R. Van Sant, past commander in chief.

Past Commander in Chief VAN SANT. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief, ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, fellow citizens: I am not expecting any check for this address. It is a pleasure to respond to the address of this splendid type of the American woman to-day who is giving service, splendid service, and I congratulate you that your labors cease and your honors end in this peerless city of Denver before this audience, this great audience composed of brave men and fair women. We have been honored before and well treated in this splendid city. And there is just one trouble in coming here—you treat us so well we don't want to go back home. [Applause.]

You have been greatly honored, being the head of this organization consisting of more than 200,000 patriotic women. They are doing great service, and we are fortunate in having such an auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. They not only decorate the graves of our departed but they care for the sick and the feeble and are always helping those passing along the pathway of life.

They have been very generous of their funds. I remember when I was department commander of the Department of Minnesota no post ever surrendered its charter that had a Woman's Relief Corps. Men sometimes give up; women never do. [Applause.]

The work of these women did not consist only of that. They are placing flags on the schoolhouses. I have resided in the South for some 15 years during the winter, and the schoolhouses of the city where I was have flags placed there and maintained there by the Woman's Relief Corps of the State of Florida. So it is all over the land. Tablets with the speech of Abraham Lincoln, that great speech of Abraham Lincoln, have been placed in all the schools by the Woman's Relief Corps. They are doing splendid work, and the Grand Army of the Republic wants this lady and all the ladies who are of that organization to know that we feel that they are really a part of us, and the better part at that.

I want to just say a word to my comrades while I have the floor. Don't think of old age too much. It is true you have lived the



allotted time of the Bible, three score years and ten, and most of you more than four score years. Borrow all the time you can; you will not have to pay any interest. You don't have to go to the bank to get what you want, and all you have to do is to die when the time comes. Don't think of your age.

In a republic there is always work for any man to do. I want to say while many of us have been honored in the past the greatest honor we ever conferred upon ourselves was when we seized our guns as boys and went down South and fought to save the Union and retain every star on that Union's flag. [Applause.] That is our service. That is your service.

You women are doing a great service. Here is one thought I want to leave with you about service. All the wild ideas of unbalanced agitators the world over in their ignorance and pitiable quest for happiness through revolution, confiscation of property, and crime can not overthrow the eternal truth that the one route of happiness through property or government is over the broad road, the highway of service, and service always means industrial thrift, respect for authority, and recognition of the rights of others. [Applause.]

Chairman NASH. We will now be entertained by another musical number from the George W. Cook drum corps and band. [Music by the band.]

I have two short announcements that I would like to make at this time. The first one is to the citizens who have their cars here who kindly brought the comrades down. And to those of you who have room in your cars, if you will help us by forming on the Curtis Street side and taking the comrades back to their hotels after this meeting. The police force of the city will give you their assistance and help to care for our comrades who are visiting us here.

I will call for greetings from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Mrs. Marybel Ross, national president.

Mrs. Ross. Mr. Chairman, commander in chief, the representative of the governor, his honor the mayor, and friends, history records the heroisms and achievements of men and women through all ages in political, military, scientific, and social affairs, and to them are due the highest appreciation and the eternal honor to which they are justly entitled. The Grand Army of the Republic, who gave in full measure of devotion for the preservation of this country that it might remain one and indissoluble, demand the highest respect and veneration from a grateful people as the years go on, and we look in retrospect at the marvelous growth of this country of ours due to the valor and sacrifices of these men who offered their lives for their country's redemption and shall ever remain as an eternal monument to their memories. We can give you no laurels, for those you fought for and won will be forever green.

I have the high honor and privilege to-night to salute you with fraternal affection as the representative of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic—your wives, your sisters, your daughters, and your granddaughters. Accept from them the highest love and esteem that can be given from the members of your families.

There are men before me who have marched from the Lakes to the Gulf, who have gone with Sherman to the sea, who have partici-



pated in that greatest struggle—Shiloh—who were in that terrible, bloody Battle of Gettysburg. To them we owe everything we have or ever expect to have. As an order of records the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have an unlimited membership because we can transfer to our members your service, your honor, and your honorable name.

It is our privilege and pleasure to be back of you in whatever you may do, for to whom do you look? Only to the members of your families. All hail to the other organizations. They have done a wonderful work and will do a wonderful work, and we have been working in perfect harmony the past year.

The commander in chief, though small in stature, is a pure nugget of gold. There is no alloy in his make-up. He has been equally impartial to everyone. And to you, my dear Commander in Chief, in the name of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, I want to present this picture, the picture of your Commander in Chief [presenting framed picture of Abraham Lincoln]. And when you can enjoy the quietude of your own home and know that you won't have to go out unless you want to, I hope you have a place in your library where whenever you gaze upon it you will know that it is given to you with the deepest love that could be given to anyone.

Realizing our position this year and the mutual work in which we are engaged, I want to present to you as a personal gift from me something that is dearest of all, something that you sacrificed your life, and thousands of these comrades of yours, to bring back unsullied and unstained—and you did it. Accept it with my best wishes, Commander in Chief [presenting silk flag]. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HAWK. Comrades, again and again I am overwhelmed. I want to say, Mrs. President, however, first, nothing could please me better than that picture of our commander in chief of four long years. As I spoke to the high school I told them that simplicity marked every line in his life, and that his dedication speech made at Gettysburg in 1863 exemplified the man, and that in that short speech of only 273 words, 120 of them are less than 3 letters, 58 of them are 4 letters, and 35 of 5 letters, and but 60 that were of 6 letters or over. And that went to show, as I told them, that in this life every man and every woman must be himself to succeed, and to ingratiate himself with the people where he lived and elsewhere he must be natural. It seems to me that his speech exemplified the man to the last degree as nothing else could. And we feel that that speech so delivered has never been scarcely imitated since, Mrs. President; that it will live as long as we live and after—for all time and eternity.

I accept this for myself and, as you expected, will keep it with other treasures. It was my pleasure on my return after my election to be presented with a nice painting of the principal Union generals. It was sent to me by a Confederate soldier and presented at a big reception I received in my home city. And he said that he had had it over his desk for 50 years. And he was a Confederate officer in a North Carolina regiment. And he said that he hoped I would keep it as long as I lived and then make such disposition of it as I did of other effects of mine. I pledge you, Mrs. President, that I will do with this the same way and will treat it the same. It will probably have a place in the capitol of my adopted State, where I have lived



for 55 years. They are most kind to me there, and from the governor to the legislature they have told me, as I had held my office there during the year: "Anything you want, ask for it and you will have it." And I have succeeded in getting and having anything that I intimated that I wanted. That is the spirit that prevails there, and I think now that there is where the mementos, or many of them, that I have and cherish will remain; and I thank you for this.

This flag I will keep where I will see it every morning as I rise. I will place it where I can see it on awaking in the morning, and I will cherish it and remember the kind association that we have had during this pleasant year just ending. Again I thank you for both, Mrs. President. [Applause.]

Mrs. Ross. To this angel of mercy [Mrs. Risley] who offered her life on the battle field we owe an allegiance that we never can pay. And to you, Sister Risley, and the National Association of Army Nurses, we deliver this with our love from the national organization, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

Chairman NASH. The response will be by Comrade Ell Torrance, past commander in chief.

Past Commander in Chief ELL TORRANCE. Mr. Chairman, comrades, Ladies of the Grand Army, good citizens of Denver, I did not expect to speak to-night at all, but I strayed in here and have been so interested that I intend to remain until the benediction is pronounced.

We are a pretty rich lot of folk, we old soldiers. We don't have a great deal of money, but we have a great many friends. We have a great deal of satisfaction in reflecting upon the past and what we did. We didn't appear to be very much at the time. I put in four years in the war from the age of 17 to the age of 21. My last discharge read: "Honorable discharge by reason of termination of the war." There was no more fighting to be done, so I went home.

I remember how glad I was to get the suit of a civilian on me again. I had worn a uniform, and it was a scanty one, too, for many years, out under the open sky, exposed to dangers seen and unseen. Those of us whose lives have been spared until this time have much to be thankful for.

We have seen the growth of our country, and its progress and success in every honorable direction. Compared with what the Nation was when we returned home, we have grown mightily. I don't care to boast, but we know that America to-day is the greatest Nation in the world, the best Nation, the best people, the real people, men and women.

Now, these Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic love us. Of course they do. They have lived with us, some of them. To-night I celebrated my sixtieth wedding anniversary. I put on a white tie. I want my young bride to come forward, that you may see her too [presenting Mrs. Torrance]. This is the little girl, Anna Mary, that I knew when I was 10 years of age, and that helped me go to war and kept me there, because it was not considered an honorable thing to stop until the great task was accomplished. [Applause.]

Now, we have had a happy life, and so have you, my comrades, and we want to keep our minds—we want to carry contented minds, satisfied that we have done our duty. We did not do very much, but altogether we have accomplished what seemed to be impossible, mak-



ing America great, and we can go down to the last comforted and blessed, with our hearts feeling strong and our heads held high, filled with honest pride and satisfaction that we contributed something, and a great deal, to the welfare of mankind. [Applause.]

I want to say to the people of Denver that we just feel at home. This is the third time we have visited your city, the third time you have entertained us at a national encampment. If we went back to the first time, 45 years ago, on this platform would sit, not the gentlemen that you see before you, but a different class of men. You would have seen Gen. John A. Logan and his wife. You would have seen John C. Robinson, who commanded a division at Gettysburg, and General Alger, and those old-time veterans that got through with their work and have gone to their reward long ago. I was not here at the first encampment, but I was here at the second encampment. Then that was attended by men like Warner, who soon became commander in chief, and General Wagner, and Robert B. Beath, of Philadelphia, and Tom Stewart, and Corporal Tanner, and men of renown who have finished their work and have gone hence.

Now, we are here just a mere handful of old men, have to be led around by boy scouts. They have to show us where to go, and to place this step here, or avoid this danger there. The story is pretty near told, and we want to leave with Denver and her people our blessing, our gratitude, and our best wishes for her prosperity, for her welfare, and that she may continue, as she has in the past, to produce a race of men and women who in citizenship will compare with any other part of the United States of America. [Applause.]

Mrs. HELEN BRAINARD COLE, Sheboygan, Wis., secretary of the National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War. This judge who just spoke is our judge advocate of the Army Nurses of the Civil War, and he has been our inspiration all these years—and his wife. I was so happy to see you both stand there and set such an example. We just love our judge advocate. May God keep him with us many, many years.

Chairman NASH. Next is greetings from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Ida M. Glasgow, national president.

Mrs. GLASGOW. Mr. Chairman, commander in chief, distinguished guests, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and patriotic friends, I know you are patriotic friends interested in the Grand Army of the Republic or you would not be here to-night.

First, I am going to extend to each and every one of you the greetings of our organization, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Just one year ago to-night our mayor welcomed you to our city of Grand Rapids, Mich., and I hope it won't be many years until he will welcome you there again.

The time is here. We are gathered in your city to conduct our business, renew acquaintances, and enjoy the hospitality and courtesies of the people of Denver. Already you have proved to us that you have put forth every effort to let the boys in blue know that you wanted them here. For all you have done and all you will do for the comfort and happiness of these brave men and for the pleasure of their allied organizations, we thank you.

I know when you witness the parade Wednesday morning that you will feel well repaid, for, as you see the Grand Army of the Republic marching down your streets, you will picture again the scenes of the



sixties when these men and thousands of others left their business and homes, left their families, their friends, their sweethearts. You will realize, perhaps, as never before the value of the privileges that are ours, the heritage left us by these men, our fathers, who have exemplified the brotherhood of man by carrying on successfully through all these years one of the grandest organizations that ever existed—the Grand Army of the Republic.

We are proud to proclaim to the world that we are the daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters of these Union veterans; and so long as one of their descendants lives the Nation shall not forget their noble deeds. We are organized in 37 States. We are hand in hand with the other allied organizations along all the patriotic lines—educational, citizenship, welfare. Practicing fraternity, charity, and loyalty has been our custom for a number of years.

We will on Wednesday, immediately after the parade, dedicate a memorial to our fathers in the City Park of Denver, in the rose garden of that park, and we hope you will all be there.

Commander in Chief, words fail to express to you our appreciation for the loyal support and friendliness you have shown us throughout this year. In behalf of my organization I want to thank you and every member of the Grand Army of the Republic for your noble sacrifices and for the inspiration you have been to us and to every true American. May God's richest blessing rest upon you, and may you be given health and happiness through many years to come is the wish of every one of our members.

As a token of our esteem for you, in behalf of my organization, I want to present to you, my commander in chief, this silver cup. It is supposed to be solid silver, and you may look at it in the days and the years to come and remember that the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War stand in solid formation ready and willing to do everything we can for the Grand Army of the Republic and their families. Accept this from us.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Mrs. President—wouldn't you all like to be commander in chief? I can only say to you, Mrs. President, that you have been most kind to me during this past year. You have watched my step and made me step safely in many cases, and I have found your organization—I scarcely arrived at any station during the three months' tour but there was a daughter of a veteran—at least one, but often a great many—to receive me. And they felt that they knew they were receiving an old, venerable man, and they came often in great numbers to help me: I certainly appreciate it and will remember it all the days of my life, as I said before. I will keep this loving cup to look in, as I notice besides the silver outside there is a golden lining there that reflects, and as I look at it I certainly will remember that the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War gave this to me in appreciation of what they thought of my having helped them or rendered them service during my term of office. I sincerely thank you for this and will keep it with my other possessions that I have received. I have been overwhelmed everywhere with many things, but this is something that I can look at with pride. I will keep it bright to look at during the rest of my life. I thank you most sincerely. Mrs. President.



Mrs. GLASGOW. We don't think of you as an old man. We think of you just as a good pal.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Good pal. [Applause.] We never get too old. I want you to know, my comrades, we appreciate what these young ladies are doing for us, and that is the reason, as I told you, they are keeping us young; they are keeping us brighter; and as these youthful faces come on here it gives us inspiration and reflection, and we are taking it all. You fellows sometimes say you don't care, but I know you do. You all like the women, and you all like to have them say nice things.

Mrs. GLASGOW. With that you will find a paper. It may not last as long as your cup, but we hope it will be appreciated. I present to you for your organization this paper, a check for \$1,500. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HAWK. Will wonders never cease? I assure you, my comrades, that if the commander in chief was a failure this year the presidents of the other organizations have certainly been a success. Knowing that, they have no doubt extended these amounts to help out and make peace with you boys and make you think that maybe I did do something during the year. We accept, Mrs. Glasgow, and I will turn it over, I presume, to let the new administration spend it. There will be something for these men that are to succeed me to fight for now with all this in the treasury. Some commander in chief will get that. I don't know how much he is going to give for votes, but you see he has considerable in the treasury to start with.

Mrs. GLASGOW. While we are working to aid the comrades with us, to help them with the Memorial Day work and all their other work, we are not unmindful of their comrades who lost their lives in the southland and whose bodies repose in the southern cemeteries; and to help the Grand Army of the Republic in your Memorial Day work in the South I present to you this check for \$1,000.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Has that been usual?

Mrs. GLASGOW. Yes.

Commander in Chief HAWK. All these things overwhelm us. I am green at this business, I want you to understand. I have made it a rule of my life never to refuse good money. We certainly appreciate it and give our thanks for it.

Mrs. GLASGOW. Now, dear Army nurses, the Daughters of Union Veterans can not forget the splendid work you did in the sixties. We know that many of our fathers and their comrades came back to their families who never could have done so had it not been for your tender care, and as a testimonial of our love and appreciation for you I present to your organization this check for \$100. [Applause.]

Now, we have just one more little token, and I want to present my national patriotic instructor, Sister Emma Susong, of Lincoln, Nebr.

Mrs. SUSONG. Commander in chief and comrades, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War believe that they know as well and perhaps just a little bit better than anyone else what Old Glory means to the boys that wore the blue. You followed it through dark days and bright days; you have protected it and it has protected you; and we feel that wherever it leads your forms grow a little



more erect, your eyes grow brighter, your steps grow firmer, and for that reason we present to you this parade flag and we trust that it will lead you in the parade for many years to come. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HAWK. This is again another. We certainly say to you that this starts in the parade on Wednesday, and we will pass it over to our successor.

Just a little incident now to the comrades. Some three weeks ago in the last general orders from headquarters previous to the one issued here, I detailed a comrade from the Department of California and Nevada, the youngest man in the department, to carry these colors. It would have been these very colors that he would have carried in the parade. He left home well and hearty. He arrived here on time and he was delighted. But within two hours after his arrival he expired and we sent his remains home to-day. I will have to make a new detail of some comrade to carry these. I don't know now who it will be, but there will be a comrade that will take care of this flag in the parade on Wednesday morning next. I thank you for it, and it will certainly be cared for.

Mrs. SUSONG. Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War will present this beautiful Union Jack, as they term it.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Mrs. President, you have done us proud. We are pleased, indeed, that you have had such a pleasant year, as I know you have had. You will remember it, as I know we all will—the pleasant associations while we have been together during our term of office.

Mrs. GLASGOW. You have helped to make it pleasant.

Chairman NASH. Response by James W. Willett, past commander in chief.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. Mr. Chairman, representatives of the city and State government, comrades, auxiliary and allied societies, fellow citizens, you are to be congratulated this evening on the class of this entertainment. To those of you who are not allied to the Grand Army of the Republic or that have come upon the scene of action since the tragedy of the Civil War this should be an inspiration. You can readily see why it is that these old veterans of that civil strife, so many of them appear light-hearted and much younger in manner and form than they really are, with such splendid allies and auxiliary.

Fortunate, indeed, it is that the present commander in chief has been accustomed by virtue of his good fortune, thrift, economy, and alertness in business to handle large property values. If it were not so, he might have fainted to-night. Seventy-five hundred dollars! Fortunately it is in checks and not cash, or he might require a body guard to put it in safekeeping. It is apparent that during the coming year the Grand Army of the Republic will not be required to sell any of its bonds. We are husbanding our resources as much as we can.

Doubtless you have heard it rumored that the Grand Army of the Republic will soon disband, but with such allies, with the inspiration to live, we are good for 10 years. [Applause.]

I must deviate a little bit before responding to the Daughters and say to these good comrades from California that you are not the only tin cans in the alley. I had the good fortune yesterday to take a ride in a limousine over to Lookout Mountain to the grave of Buffalo Bill,



who, by the way, if he was living to-day, would only exceed my age by 10 days. We had a very expert, gentlemanly, and courteous driver, a Peerless car, a mountain road, and the driver exceedingly eloquent of tongue with all of that courtesy, and as he drove past a certain cemetery he called the attention of the chief of staff, Comrade George Hosley, his wife, and myself to the fact that there was one of the most expensive cemeteries in the world, particularly in the United States, and more particularly in the State of Colorado, and in the outskirts of the imperial mountain city of Denver; that the cemetery, as we could see, was well stocked with monumental marks, and every one of them provided with a light. Of course, George Hosley and myself, never having traveled much, took it all in, and we waited for the dénouement. He said: "It is an Israelite cemetery."

The chief of staff is no tenderfoot. He has traveled every State in this Union and sailed upon the "seven seas." And the subscriber is a product of the Mississippi Valley with over 12 years experience as a seafaring and river man. But still we were absorbed. He drove farther until we mounted the cliff and came to an immense, deep ravine, and it seemed to me, sitting on that side, that he drove exasperatingly close to the cliff and halted. "What do you think," he says, "of the elixir of this surrounding?" Well, I said it was grand. Mrs. H. said it was delightful. George said, "It is worth the price." The driver said further: "This is an expensive elixir. One drop would kill you."

We drove on farther, and as we made the rounds and came through the ravines along Bear Creek we drove up to another cliff. But that time he drove nearer to the cliff on the left-hand side. And he said, "I want to show you here where a year ago there were nine lives lost." I bit that time. I said, "Not human lives?" "No," he said, "a careless driver drove over a cat."

Don't understand me as objecting to being entertained that way. We enjoyed it, and that is only an example. But it is the three best samples that we got en route.

Now, we have traveled in our experience all over the mountains of California from the base of Mount Shasta to the extreme southern part of that great State, and in the interior, and have had some experience, but when we got home the chief of staff and myself concluded that our driver was the peer of any California driver. [Applause.] And we learned that as a chauffeur he was driving to save money in his vacation to take him through college. And we pat him on the back as a deuced good fellow.

Now, Commander in Chief, put this in your pipe and smoke it. If we should happen to go to Sacramento next year, why we will put our mahogany under your table and let your driver give us another. Just the same, he has got to be a sharp fellow if he comes up to the Colorado stride. [Applause.]

Of course, after giving you these stories it would not be prudent for me, at the lateness of the hour, to venture any of my own. These are some I have borrowed for use on the platform and will remember them, and I am very thankful to the driver for doing as he did.

You will observe that the major auxiliary society of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Woman's Relief Corps, apparently knows how to make money. They drew that check from their exchequer, from their cash on hand. But also you will observe that the



Daughters of the Union Veterans as a set of youngsters are there with the goods just as well.

We are proud of the Daughters of Veterans. You saw the personnel of those that appeared on the platform, of the president and her associate, and I submit to you that they are just as handsome as any of you Denver girls. And I will submit further, that I have never seen in a city around 300,000 one that could show a bunch of prettier girls than the city of Denver. [Applause.] And if any of you that are here to-night are daughters of veterans by birth ought it not to be an inspiration to join the Daughters of Veterans in truth and fact? We need your services. Our bank account must necessarily be expended, and if you wish to honor your fathers, in harmony with the commandment we will interline "And help the Woman's Relief Corps along," knowing that the Association of Daughters of Veterans is a very close second.

Go down in any of the hotels in this city where these allied organizations are quartered, take a run around the lobby and see the affection that my comrades have, genuine and perfect, for these allied organizations and their membership. The ladies of the G. A. R., God bless them, they are our social allies to whom we turn from time to time for advice, for friendly assistance by word and counsel, as our own flesh and blood. And I bespeak for the Grand Army of the Republic for the next 10 years, though the mortality may be great, that with the assistance of these organizations, with the financial aid and assistance of the two principal auxiliaries led by that gracious auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, with the close second of the Daughters of Veterans, that we will have an abundance of means to pay our expenses as may be required for the decade to which I have referred.

Now, comrades, I have concluded my response. It is always a great pleasure for me to talk to you, either at national or State encampments or elsewhere. I hope and trust that those of you who are present here to-night will be permitted, through the providence of God, to attend the next national encampment, whether it is held near the Pacific coast or along the line of the Atlantic. [Applause.]

We are making an elegant approach and beginning to one of the best encampments. I bespeak for it, within the history of the organization, and the third time in the city of Denver out of the aggregate of 62 encampments since the reorganization of the Grand Army of the Republic; and I doubt not but what when you see the parade, if it is a fair day, that will be put upon the streets of this beautiful city next Wednesday, that a further inspiration will be given to the citizenry of this commonwealth, a new patriotic desire to emulate the good qualities of the old veterans that are making this visit in your home.

With these remarks I have concluded. I commend this audience for its patient endurance, and I hope that you will continue to the conclusion of the program. I have no doubt but what it will be satisfactory to you, as it evidently has been down to the present time, for you are staying. I thank you.

Chairman NASH. Next is greetings from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Walter C. Mabie, commander in chief.

Mr. MABIE. Commander in Chief—oh, well, I am not going to try to go through that list of all of you. I, too, want to say that



you ought to be complimented upon—what was that you said, Judge Willett?—endurance, and a whole lot of other things. We do like to see you stay and hear the various things that are said. Perhaps sometimes it does become a little tiring. And then to my mind I seem to go back, sometimes when I see the people become restless and they haven't time, and they feel, "Oh, it is the same old cut-and-dried story," the thought comes to my mind, friends, how much joy we are giving these comrades to-night, we are giving these Grand Army nurses, by our presence, by our staying with them, and by our helping to enjoy with them the things that they like.

Oh, don't you know, when we go back sometimes and we just go over our histories again, and we are going to make speeches upon some battle or something during the Civil War, and we get that thought and that feeling and we remember; it comes back to us just what they went through for four awful years. Don't it seem to make you feel that you can spend two or three hours a couple of times a year to make them happy after what they have done for us? [Applause.]

You know we are living in a funny age; we are living in an age that we don't seem to appreciate anything. We want pleasure; our children want pleasure; a lot of our wives want pleasure; and they don't want to be toted around somewhere where they have just got to listen to patriotic speeches. They will tell you, "Oh, yes; they are patriotic." In the schools they are giving patriotic speeches, and it has been found out, trying to sing the Star-Spangled Banner, that a whole lot of us don't know the tune and pretty near all of us don't know the words. That should not be.

I want to tell you I think it would be a whole lot better for all of us if we could just make up our minds that the story of our heroes should be impressed upon us just as forcibly as the story of the manger at Bethlehem. I believe that that would make us just as good Christians as studying our Bibles.

But don't you know, I have watched these men for so many years I know just what they mean. Some of us seem to think that they went through the war—if you will read some of our school histories they will tell you that Fort Sumter was fired upon and four years later at Appomattox Court House the war was declared off and a whole bunch of fellows came back home and went to work. That was the Civil War. Don't you know that that four years of war meant a lot?

Oh, if you could just know the history of just these few comrades who sit upon the stage, just what these few meant to the Government of the United States during the sixty some odd years since the close of the war, you would say that they have been wonderful men to this Nation, without their services in the Civil War. A whole lot of you don't know just what these comrades of the Civil War have meant to our country, and I want to say to you in just a couple of words: It is to them you owe this country, not only its salvation but what it is to-day, because I want to tell you that it was after the Civil War that we started up everything we have now, and everything we have now we owe to the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

I have been criticized a whole lot during my term because at Grant's Monument in New York City I criticized the action of one of the mayors of the biggest city in these United States. I am not



going to thresh that out. I am not even attempting to speak about it, but I do want to say to every one of you here to-night, if you want to know what the Sons of Veterans are for, if you want to know what we are trying to do, if you want to know what we were organized for, we told the Grand Army of the Republic that we were going to give to them a perpetual memorial. We don't mean a great big shaft of granite. We meant that we were going to, and we are going to try to, with the help of God, keep alive the story of what those men did in the Civil War, what they did after the Civil War, and we are not going to stand for any mayor of any city, be it North or South, be it for politics or be it for anything else, parading the grandson of any traitor just for political reasons. If there are men to be paraded to honor the men who have flown across the Atlantic and the Pacific, if there are men to be paraded, or anything about it to parade, to act as a reception committee, and if there are thousands and thousands of Grand Army men in the city, who on earth are more capable, who on earth should have that honor more than the Grand Army of the Republic? [Applause.]

And if there is anybody in these United States, be he at the very lowest round of the ladder or all the way at the top, that attempts to tell you throughout our Nation that you are of more value to this country because you are the grandson, not of a rebel—a traitor and rebel—I believe a lot of those men were right in being rebels—believe that they thought they were right, and I give them—my honest opinion is that the man who went out and fought for what he thought was right should be given all credit. You boys of the Grand Army of the Republic know that those men of the South were not cowards—had they been cowards you would not have fought for four years—but that they were men that could fight the same as you could fight. [Applause.]

I have nothing at all to say against the men of the South, but I have lots and lots to say, and I will say it every time I get an opportunity—I have lots to say against the men who should have been men to have stood with the North, who were trained by the North, who went through West Point and the various other institutions that we have, swore allegiance to these United States, and at our hour of need, just at the time when they should have been with us to help drill our men, turned about-face and led the other armies. One of them who said that he took up arms not to invade any State, with the intent only to protect his State, if you know anything about the Battle of Gettysburg you will find that that same fellow was the fellow who led the southern side at the Battle of Gettysburg. And every time I get a chance I am going to tell my children and every other child and every other citizen that I can that we do not put on a higher pedestal the sons nor the daughters nor grandsons nor granddaughters of traitors and make them heroes and our own comrades cast aside, as you may say, not even recognized in that great celebration in New York City.

There is what the Sons of Veterans are going to attempt to do, not as we used to say back in the old days, "wave the bloody shirt." We have no desire to do so. Nobody on earth wants to see the North and the South be other than friendly. Nobody on earth wants to see those heroes of the South remembered more than we as sons of veterans to-day. We can tell you that we thought they were sol-



diers worthy of your steel, and we believe in many, many cases honor should be paid to them because, after all, they were American citizens.

But I want to say to you that we do not and will not have our children taught that traitors shall be honored.

I want to say that I didn't intend to talk but about two minutes, but when I get started on the theme and they ask you what the Sons of Veterans are and what they stand for: We stand for, Commander Hawk, to keep alive just as long as we possibly can your memory, not only what you did during the Civil War but what you have meant to this country in all the years that have passed since that war.

Chairman NASH. Next is response by John R. King, past commander in chief.

(Past Commander in Chief King was not present.)

Greetings from Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Margaret L. Waters, national president.

Mrs. WATERS. Mr. Toastmaster, officials of the city of Denver, comrades, national officers, and friends, I do not know what I can say to you to-night other than what the ones who have already spoken to you have said. But I want to tell you how much we appreciate all that the citizens are doing for us here in Denver. We are just as happy as we can be to be here, and we are taken care of just splendidly, and I assure you that we appreciate it very, very much, indeed.

I want to tell you that we are the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans. You see all down the line from the Grand Army of the Republic, from the Union soldier, sailor, or marine who served us in that war from 1861 to 1865, and, as you have been told, have been serving us as the best citizens in the United States ever since—we do appreciate the fact that we can be included in this great family that belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and owe our existence to them.

We serve the Sons of Veterans, but we also remember the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I am not going to take up your time at all, because there are other speakers to come along. We have been very busy, indeed, but we thank you for all you are doing for us. We want you to know that we love the Grand Army of the Republic. We love the Union soldier, sailor, and marine. We pledge to them to-night anew our every support for the future.

And, Commander in Chief Hawk, you have been told that you have \$7,500. I am going to add \$500 more to that, and make it \$8,000, from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans. I am going to present this check and wish for you and your organization the very best of happiness. I assure you we are going to try to help the Sons of Veterans do all they can to perpetuate your remembrance in coming years. We are going to help them teach the coming generation what you did, and I know that we are all going to be better citizens.

And for your own self and to keep in your convention these coming days, I want to present this basket of flowers, and I am sure that our love—the basket is small, but our love is very great. I also want to tell you how much I appreciate this year serving with you. All over this country we have traveled together, here and there, and I certainly enjoyed it very much, indeed. It shall be a lasting memory



to me, the many kind acts, courtesies, and the wonderful smiles that I have received from this dear old comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander in Chief HAWK. Pleasure! I thought it was all mine, in our association together. I want to first say for the Grand Army of the Republic that we accept this check, making a total to-night, my comrades, of \$8,000 to start off this new administration. Now they ought to be happy if we have raised that much money for them. I don't attribute any of this to myself, but I know that these officers of the various organizations have worked, and worked day in and day out. And then their every thought has been for the Grand Army of the Republic—everything. "What does the Grand Army want? We are for what the Grand Army want." And they have been loyal in every respect to us during our term, and it certainly is a pleasure, Mrs. President, now to receive this from you, and it will be appreciated when I present it to our encampment. And for the beautiful flowers that we will have here on that table during our encampment, I know that the comrades will appreciate the brightness of them and their shining out, too—the reflection on their faces and their smiling countenances as they look toward this platform. I thank you sincerely in behalf of my comrades for both of these gifts. I thank you.

Mrs. WATERS. I want to say just a word. We always remember our dear Army nurses. We know that they served through that war with the comrades and they did everything they could to make them happy and to make them comfortable, and to-night I present a check of \$100 to the Army nurses. [Applause.] I also have an apology to make. When I opened my envelope the hundred dollars was not there, but I know it is on my bureau in the hotel and you will get it to-morrow.

Chairman NASH. Response by Frank A. Walsh, past commander in chief.

(Past Commander in Chief Walsh was not present.)

Now, before we close I want to make that same request to all citizens that have cars here, that you help us to return the comrades to their homes. Just pull out in front on Curtis Street and help take these veterans back to the hotels. Now I am going to ask you all to rise, please. We will have the benediction by Rev. J. King Gibson, after which we will sing one verse of America and then go home.

Chaplain in Chief GIBSON. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen.

(After singing one verse of America the audience was, at 11.07 p. m., dismissed.)



**CAMP FIRE HELD AT THE CIVIC AUDITORIUM, DENVER,  
COLO., WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 19, 1928**

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W. E. Moses, senior vice commander of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, presiding.

Chairman MOSES (8.05 p. m.). Fellow citizens, I feel it a great honor as well as a privilege to be enabled to preside at this grand campfire of the sixty-second annual campfire of the Grand Army of the Republic gathered here from all parts of the United States. My comrades who answered the call of their country, who saved its unity and its flag, bringing back the flag without the loss of a single star or a single stripe being erased, we are in memory to-night "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground."

You will not find here the old bivouac nor will you hear the roar of the cannon, but you will find here the bivouac of fraternity and the people of a city ready to welcome you with real western hospitality. To-night our comrades who have become famous and a good many who are endowed by their Creator with imagination of their powers look forward to this hour.

We are reckoned as a world power. We have been engaged in two conflicts since the Civil War—the Spanish American War and the World War—each fought without aggression upon our part, fought with no thought of aggrandizement, fought for the hope expressed by the immortal Lincoln that all men in all countries should be free and equal. In these last two conflicts the sons of the blue and the sons of the gray stood side by side, shoulder to shoulder, and they fought for the same flag and mutual purpose. We are in deed and in truth the United States of America. This is the result of your sacrifice and service to the Grand Army of the Republic and the United States of America.

This is a camp fire, and we are about to be treated to a season of oratory. I have the honor to present to you the first number on the program.

(The audience was then entertained by the Cotton Blossom Singers, of Piney Woods, Miss., who sang, "Oh, Mary, Don't You Weep," and responded to several encores.)

Chairman MOSES. On behalf of the Grand Army I want to thank the Cotton Blossom Singers for entertaining the Grand Army at this time. The next number will be by the Right Rev. Irving P. Johnson.

Bishop JOHNSON of the Episcopal Church. I have been asked to-night to come here and give a word of greeting and appreciation of the Grand Army of the Republic. I think you have been here long enough to make any declamatory greeting rather superfluous. In fact, I think there are two kinds of people that always understand one another in this world—that is, the very young and the very old. Grandparents and grandchildren don't need very much ceremony to feel perfectly at home with one another.



I esteem it a great honor and privilege to bring to you the tribute of grateful citizens whose business and prosperity are largely due to the services that you rendered some 60 years ago, for it was your devotion to the policies of Abraham Lincoln which not only restored harmony to a divided Nation but also opened up to settlement through Mr. Lincoln's favorable attitude toward the great West, this great Western country, largely settled by your comrades after the war was over. And now, welcoming you again to that section of the Nation which the prevision of your great leader helped to create, making, when I studied geography, the great American desert, to be the garden spot of the world, your presence here can not help reminding us of the great events and the great principles for which men have fought and died in this Nation.

It was your valor that determined for all time certain questions that were debated in your youth. You have settled the question as to whether this Nation can be divided on any sectional question or question of special privilege. You have settled the question that all races shall have equal privileges and rights under the Constitution. You have settled the question that no single group can put special privilege before the need of the common man.

What is a nation? A nation is not merely a lot of people living in the same territory. We have the Philippine Islands and Alaska a part of the Nation. A nation is not a lot of people who talk the same language, for we talk every language under the sun. A nation is a group of people bound together by a tie which we call a Constitution, and which consists essentially of spiritual reality rather than of material things. A nation consists of the traditions of those who are gathered together under a common flag, of the ideals which the leaders of that nation from time to time set forth, and of the sacrifices that the citizens of that nation are prepared to make in order to guarantee and safeguard that which has been handed down to them. So that, to my mind, a nation is valued by that combination of traditions and ideals and sacrifices which make up a spiritual thing, rather than merely a multitudinous group.

The traditions of this Nation are well worth considering. Four times in the history of the Nation there have been great crises which produced great leaders, and in which certain principles have been firmly enunciated. The first period of our national history was the period of the Colonial settlement, in which the great pioneers of America established their homesteads and resolved to found a nation in which liberty and justice should be the fundamental principles. There was something that the pioneer did not bring over from Europe, but he gathered it from the soil, and it made him the peculiar person that he was in the history of the world—a man that had broken away from the conventional habits of the Old World and was prepared to carry on new visions of what life and government and society should be.

We keep a day in our annual calendar which I am sure all of you realize is commemorative of that period. We always associate Thanksgiving Day with the earliest settlements of this country, and express our gratitude to God for the privileges which the pioneer brought to our door.

And then there was the second group which we regard with great veneration, that group which formed the Constitution, which broke



loose entirely from European governments and set up an institution unparalleled in history for the soundness and sanity of its provisions. And so to-day in our annual calendar we keep the Fourth of July to recall that great group of Washington and Hamilton and Jefferson and Marshall, who laid the foundations of our constitutional Government.

And then came the third great crisis in the history of this country, the time when there had to be a settlement made between the rights of States and the sovereignty of the Nation, and that crisis brought great leaders, at the head of whom was Abraham Lincoln [applause], who finally cemented together the units of government and opened up this great western country for human habitation after it had been closed by the reactionary policy of his predecessors. To commemorate this group we keep Memorial Day in our annual calendar.

And then there came the fourth great crisis, in which the principles of liberty, justice, and equality which had been developed in the previous periods became a world question, and we were confronted with the proposition as to whether the United States could be of the world but not in it, and we came to the conclusion as a nation, and we backed it up unanimously by our action, that universal liberty and justice and equality were essential backgrounds for any liberty that we ourselves might be privileged to enjoy. So we keep Armistice Day to remind us of that crisis in our history.

And we regard this visit of yours like these four great days in our calendar, as something that brings to us a reminder of great service rendered in a very critical period, and we do honor to-day to the remnant of that great army of the Republic which once was pulsate with youthful vigor and now reposes in the security of a task well done.

We are a Nation of traditions, and we can not afford to allow any element from the old country to come in and so flood the Nation as to submerge and bury the traditions which we honor and which make us what we are.

The second thing that goes to build up a nation is its ideals. It has been the glory of America that it has never been content to accept established conventions because they were established, but it has dared to break forth in new experiments of government and political economy. A people without vision perish. So in our youth we are in each generation confronted with tremendous questions which demand a solution, and which we always hope and trust and, as years go by, confidently expect will be settled according to the dictates of reason. But failing that, it has been the history of the race that they have to be decided by the element of force.

You were led by a man who was singularly blessed with great vision and who was peculiarly exempt from the bane of political action, partisan prejudice, and bitterness. You have been privileged to live to see his ideals carried out and have passed on to the younger men the inspiration to meet their problems with the same unflinching courage and the same passionate devotion to ideals as against settling back in a comfortable attitude of satisfaction and smugness over mere material wealth.

These ideals you have passed on to us. The work that you started has been completed, but the same principle of deciding questions, not by their immediate implication but by those standards of right and



wrong which, if they apply to you in your business and to you in your family and to you in your nation, also apply to you and your brethren throughout the world. We must face the time when not only the socialists shall have an internationale. The method of it, like the method of reconstruction after the Civil War, may be faulty and may seem to fail in the initial processes, but I am confident that the idealism that has brought us this far will not stop until it has its part and share in something bigger than a mere provincial outlook in a recognition of the fact that we are all brothers one of another, the Lord is the maker of us all, and that there is neither Jew nor gentile in God's work.

You have witnessed in the universal devotion of the young men of this last 20 years that you have not lived in vain, that the ideals which you carried out, while not dealing with the basic questions, have been dealt with in the same spirit by those who have succeeded you in the active forces of the Nation, and I am sure you must have felt a pride as you saw the unanimity with which the Great War was carried on in spite of the fact that a large portion of the Nation preferred pacific methods to military decision. Yet we seemed to have no choice, and when the issue was presented to us we met it with the same kind of courage that you met the issues that were presented to you. So I believe that the safety of the United States depends upon a perpetuation of the spirit which animated the Grand Army of the Republic in the group succeeding them in the time to come. The patriotism of America in the Great War was the harvest of your sowing in the sixties.

The third thing that characterizes a nation is the sacrifices that its individual members are willing to make on behalf of that nation. Somehow in life the Creator calls upon us to enter our kingdom through great tribulation, and unless men are willing to go the limit in personal sacrifice they are never privileged to see the final realization of their lofty visions. It is this that has characterized us as a nation thus far, that however selfish we may seem, and self-centered, in the times of peace, there is lying deep in the bosom of American citizenship a devotion to the flag and a love for the Nation and adherence to the Constitution which, in the last analysis, will, I believe, always be vindicated by the children and the grandchildren of the Grand Army of the Republic.

As I look into your faces and think of the long battles which you have fought individually and collectively to purchase your share of what constitutes our Nation, I am reminded of that great militant hero of the New Testament, St. Paul. He lived a life of struggle; he was confronted with enemies without and with enemies within; his life resembled that of a soldier in the hardships that he underwent, in the misunderstandings that he had to submit to, in the desertions that frequently characterized his efforts. He fought on and on and on and finally landed as a prisoner in the capital of the great Roman Empire, and while sitting there in his cell waiting his execution from a government that hated the principles for which he lived, he indicted a letter to a younger son in the faith, Timothy, who was to carry on after he had paid the price of his devotion. And in that letter written in a cell he reviewed an active life, a life that had been characterized by many conquests, that had touched thousands of people, that had erected thousands of foundations which



should not perish. But as he was finishing the letter to his beloved son of the faith it occurred to him to write his own obituary, and in writing it he did not dwell upon any individual deeds of valor that he had done, upon any conquest that he had made, upon any converts that he had created. He went back, as I believe every man must go back in the last analysis, to the principles which animated him and the devotion with which he had adhered to those principles. So he penned, I think, the most magnificent epitaph that any man ever had the privilege of writing to adorn his own life. It was a modest epitaph in that he did not dwell upon any personal exploits, but he expressed deep convictions, and he finished that life of his doomed to die with these words:

I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith.

So as you go on, marching on toward that end which awaits us all and which I always feel that children and old people are more conscious of, and therefore more joyous than those that live in between, as you go on and look back over a life devoted to principle, I believe that many a soldier here can say, with the good Apostle of the Gentiles: "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith." [Applause.]

Chairman MOSES. Next we will be entertained by four young men from Lincoln, Nebr., in a quartette.

(A quartette composed of Comrades O. C. Bell, Christian Diehl, J. N. Fletcher, and L. C. McBride sang *Voices of Freedom*, *The Song of a Thousand Years*, and *Sweet Nebraska Land*, receiving hearty applause.)

Chairman MOSES. Next we have here four young men who need no introduction from me [two Boy Scouts and two members of the Highlander Boys of Denver].

BILLY LOSS, Highlander Boy of Denver (*The Unconquered Banner*, by Grantland Rice).

Around the signal fires and camp  
A shadow trails the ground;  
The war steeds paw the earth and champ  
The bit which holds them bound;  
The war god smiles as rifles crash,  
The red glow lights the air,  
But proudly o'er the crimson flash  
The Stars and Stripes are there!

Peace comes—and fields that once ran red  
With life blood now lie green;  
No more above the stricken dead  
The vulture haunts the scene;  
No more the war drums thrill the bold,  
No more the bugles blare;  
But waving proudly as of old.  
The Stars and Stripes are there!

All deeds, man wrought, must pass away.  
Ere history's course is run;  
All creeds, man made, must yet decay  
Before the tale is done;  
But one heart emblem still remains,  
Earth relic of the past,  
Across the sweep of endless plains  
The Stars and Stripes will last!

Will last till the eternal hills  
 Have crumbled into dust;  
 Until the rivers and the rills  
 Are dry beneath their crust;  
 And when the final tale is told,  
 Outlined against the glare  
 Of dying moon and fading sun  
 Old Glory will be there!

[Applause.]

Scout WENDELL CHASE, Troop No. 6, of Denver (Doing Our Good Turn). Mr. Chairman and members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Boy Scouts of Denver are happy and proud that you have given us the honor of helping during this great convention. We are thrilled at the opportunity of being of service to our grand old heroes. The motto of the Boy Scouts is "Be prepared," and we are mighty glad that we are prepared to help you wherever we may be used. Our slogan is "To do a good turn to somebody every day." [Applause.]

Many, many years ago an opportunity came to render service to those in need. The members of the Grand Army of the Republic answered that call, and the noble way in which you answered that call has been an inspiration to the boyhood of America ever since. [Applause.]

Through your spirit of loyalty, patriotism, and unselfish service you have given the Boy Scouts examples which we are proud to try and follow. [Applause.]

As you were prepared and as you did your good turn, so we try to prepare ourselves that we may do our good turn whenever and wherever it may be needed.

Sir, we salute the Grand Army of the Republic. The boys of Denver admire and love you. Our greatest hope and wish is that we may in some small way carry on the same spirit of loyalty and devotion that you in such a noble way exemplify. [Great applause.]

Maj. BILLY SARCONI, Highlander Boy of Denver (The Republic Will Endure):

We live in a Republic where there is liberty without license and authority without despotism and where the civil rulers hold over you the ægis of its protection without interfering with the God-given rights of conscience.

In view of the signal blessings we enjoy it is our duty to take an active, personal, vital interest in the welfare of our country. We should glory in her prosperity and be concerned at every adversity that may befall her. We should hold up the arms of those who are charged with the administration of public affairs, as the children of Israel held up the hands of Moses while he interceded for them before the Lord.

The inspired word of God enjoins this loyalty to country and reverence for its rulers. The religion we profess demands this fealty. The constitutions of your respective societies uphold it, and I am sure that there is not a single fiber of your heart which does not pulsate with a genuine undivided love for the Republic and its sacred traditions.

I venture to say that every member of your society is a loyal citizen, every citizen a patriot, every patriot a soldier, every soldier a hero, and every hero would be a martyr, to die if need be for this country. [Applause.]

There are some pessimistic prophets who are in the habit of predicting the downfall of our Republic. They are more frequently heard on the eve of a presidential election.

I have an abiding faith in the endurance of the Republic. [Applause.] I might base my hope on the intelligence and patriotism of the American people. I might base my confidence on the wisdom of our statesmen, the heroism of



our soldiers, our armies, and dreadnaughts. It must rest on the eternal principles of truth and justice and righteousness and downright honesty in our affairs with foreign nations. It must rely on our firm belief in an overruling Providence, who created all things by His power, governs all things by His wisdom, and who controls the affairs of nations as well as of men.

[Adopted from Father and Son Library, vol. 8, p. 173]

This is the land where hate should die,  
This is the land where strife should cease,  
Where foul, suspicious fears should fly,  
Before the light of love and peace.

Then let's purge from poisoned thought  
That service to the State we give;  
And so be worthy, as we ought,  
Of this great land in which we live.

[Applause.]

Scout CARL NORDQUIST, Troop No. 51, of Denver (A Scout is Brave). As the members of the Grand Army of the Republic some 63 years ago gave their services to their country they showed a great deal of bravery, as we have already heard from one boy. The scout movement is built on a foundation of service, and one stone in that foundation is bravery.

A scout repeats in his scout oath:

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country.

Just what does this mean? Also a scout, in his scout law, repeats, "A scout is brave." Boy Scouts over the pages of history in America to-day have been willing to give their lives that their country may go on, willing to give their lives that their fellow man may live a happy, useful life.

To-day we saw these veterans assembled here this evening, marching through the streets of Denver, and they showed the same bravery to-day marching through these hard streets of Denver, under the hot midday sun. There were scouts stationed along the way, ready to assist those who had to fall out, but these veterans marched on and on, and would not give up. [Applause.]

They had learned long ago the real test of courage and bravery. Patriotism or loyalty to their country was learned in a very practical way. Even to-day the youth of this land learn that same lesson, but are receiving it in a different manner. At the present day it is not required that a youth should take up arms to learn that lesson. The girls and women of the Nation must not make their sacrifice of loved ones to the bloody cause of war that they should learn that lesson. They learned it from the lessons given in past years by veterans, not only in the World War and the Spanish-American War, but the Civil War, and clear back to days none of us remember—to the days of the Revolutionary War.

The Boy Scouts of America, and there are some 2,000,000 of them, are daily taking this oath:

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country.

Veterans, due to what I saw to-day, to what I have read in books and heard by word of mouth, you have given me a new meaning to our scout law, which says, "A scout is brave"; and you have put



a new meaning into our scout oath which we repeat as we click our heels together and stand at attention:

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country.

[Applause.]

Chairman MOSES. As chairman I desire to give thanks to the Boy Scouts who have done such fine work this week.

Next I want to introduce Mr. Jack Payment, one of the judges of the drum corps contest.

(Awards were then made to the various drum corps participating, as follows: First, South Dakota Drum Corps; silver loving cup presented by Gov. William H. Adams. Second, Oregon Drum Corps; cup from Mayor Stapleton. Third, Illinois Drum Corps; cup from George W. Cook Drum Corps and Band. Fourth, Iowa Drum Corps; medal from Syman's Jewelry Co. Fifth, Michigan Drum Corps; medal from Schwartz Jewelry Co. Sixth, honorable mention from Governor Adams to the Indiana Drum Corps.)

(The Betsy Ross Quartette, composed of Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, from Canton, Ohio, then sang *Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground* and *The Army Bean*, receiving enthusiastic applause.)

Chairman MOSES. Now, the delegation from the Longmont Post have a brief announcement to make.

Mr. E. C. POTTER. In behalf of Longmont Post, No. 32, American Legion, we present you this small token of the esteem we hold for the Grand Army of the Republic [presenting flowers to Commander in Chief Hawk].

Commander in Chief HAWK. I have been overwhelmed to-day by the presents in the way of flowers. In California we call it the land of flowers, but to-day Colorado has certainly come up to our expectations, and more, too. We thought we were here in the land of mines and not of flowers and fruits, but the way the various organizations have dispensed them to-day shows to us that you like the beautiful and that in giving it to us old boys you young men, ex-service men of the late war, recognize that we did something during our day. In appreciation of that doubtless inspired gift to-night which we accept in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic, I thank you young men for remembering us in this way.

Comrades, I have been talking all day—all this afternoon—and my voice is worn out. They told us when making up the program that they wanted to hear something of some of us old boys, and I brought with me to-night the senior vice commander in chief and the judge advocate. I now take pleasure in introducing the senior vice commander in chief, Comrade Brainard, of New York, who, when he gets through, will introduce to you the judge advocate, Judge Reese, of Nebraska.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief CALVIN A. BRAINARD, of Buffalo, N. Y. Commander in Chief, Mr. Chairman, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, their allied organizations present, fellow citizens of this beautiful city of Denver: To begin with, I want to tell you a short story. It is about a colored preacher who went to call on a white brother of his whom he thought a great deal of, and he found him writing very intently. He said, "Brother, what are you writing?" "I am writing my sermon for next Sunday." "Oh," he



said, "I never do that. I never write anything, and then neither the devil nor myself knows what I am going to say."

I assure you this is rather a surprise to me, but it is a very pleasant occasion. I want to express my deep thankfulness for the able manner in which our commander in chief has been permitted to conduct his administration up to this date. [Applause.] It has given me great pleasure, I assure you, and on his behalf I want to say that the Grand Army of the Republic to a man feels the same way. I know it.

Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, did you ever realize that you belong to the grandest organization in the world? With all due respect to all other organizations, all other societies, patriotic and otherwise, it is the grandest organization in the world, and let's consider and acknowledge it. Don't let us say that we are going away in a few years, we are going to quit having our encampments. That is out of the question. [Applause.]

When you think of the Mexican survivors, we have a few in our country to-day who are 100 years old, or nearly, and some of them over. There are several of them yet, and, taking the difference in population between this time and that, the Grand Army of the Republic has got 25 years to live yet. [Applause.] Did you ever think of that? It is so.

Don't get pessimistic about it. You know a pessimist is a man who wears suspenders and a belt both. I only wear suspenders, and I am convinced more than ever since I visited this city that there is no use of talking about pessimism. Your beautiful city, your display of patriotism to-day is evidence that there is no reason for talking pessimism or even anything like it. I never saw in all my experience during an encampment such a beautiful display as I saw to-day on the streets. [Applause.]

There were school children permitted to stand in front of the crowd, for an inspiring evidence of loyalty and devotion—little tots who cheered and clapped the flag as it went by. You can not realize the impression that it made on those little school children, and I commend the city very highly for permitting it and closing the schools for this occasion. I think it is one of the grandest things that we have ever seen. [Applause.]

Now, I want to take just a moment and read you a little extract from a speech that I guess many of you have heard and read probably at different times. But it is very appropriate and very timely for the present day. It is a speech on obedience to the law. It is hardly necessary to remind people of this beautiful city of obedience to the law, but it can be spread, and surely it will do no harm. The extract from the address reads thus:

Let every American, every lover of liberty, every well-wisher to his posterity, swear by the blood of the Revolution never to violate in the least particular the laws of his country, and never to tolerate their violation by others. As the patriots of 1776 did to the support of the Declaration of Independence, so to the support of the Constitution and the laws let every American pledge his life, his property, and his sacred honor: let every man remember that to violate the law is to trample upon the blood of his fathers and to tear the charter of his own and his children's liberty. Let reverence for the laws be breathed by every American mother to the lisping babe that prattles on her lap. Let it be taught in the schools, in seminaries, and in colleges. Let it be written in primers, spelling books, and almanacs. Let it be preached from

pulpits, proclaimed in legislative halls, and enforced in courts of justice. In short, let it become the political religion of the Nation; and let the old and the young, the rich and the poor, the grave and the gay of all sexes and tongues and colors and conditions, sacrifice unceasingly upon its altars.

Now, do you realize who delivered that extract? In Springfield, Ill., on January 27, 1837, 91 years ago, a boy or young man, aged about 26 years, who had just been admitted to the bar, and whose name was Abraham Lincoln. [Applause.] Can you imagine the inspiration that was that young man's at that time? I think it is very fitting that we should be reminded of the feelings and the inspiration that that man had.

I don't want to take much more time, but I want to assure you that I have enjoyed being with you very much, and I have enjoyed the privilege that I have had—the privileges that I have had in your beautiful city. I have enjoyed the decorations immensely. I have enjoyed seeing the flag anywhere and everywhere. We comrades of the Grand Army reverence the flag more than I can tell.

I want to say another word, that I believe the Confederacy was doomed when they fired on the flag at Fort Sumter. [Applause.] Did you ever think of that? Of course, we fought four long years after that. But do you know American people can not stand for that. They know what that flag means to us, and in all countries, especially at the present day.

You know after the World War the Government of the United States recalled the troops from Germany, or issued orders to that effect, and Germany petitioned very earnestly that some troops remain there with the Stars and Stripes. That was a great credit to our country and to the flag.

Now, in conclusion, I want to render just a short new reason why the flag was made and how it was made.

How did we make the Flag?

By rule?

By compass, and square, and line?

With pattern, and thread, and the sempster's tool

To follow the plain design?

Was it only the lore that the draftmen knew

That gave us the red, and the white, and blue?

How did we make the Flag?

Not all

By measuring stitch and seam;

For part of it came from a country call

And part of it is a dream—

Is a vision that led brave souls aright,

And gave us the red, and the blue, and white.

How did we make the Flag?

In peace

We fashioned it fold on fold;

In war it was blent with the grim caprice

The drums in their summons rolled.

'Twas the courage alike of the quick and dead

That gave us the blue, and the white, and red.

How did we make the Flag?

'Twas thus

It came to its grace and worth;

Through all that is good in the souls of us

The banner has had its birth;

'Twas the holier strength of the purpose true

That gave us the red, and the white, and blue.



Thus have we made the Flag?

Ah, no!

By colors that will not fade,  
By sinuous sweep and by deathless glow,  
'Tis us that the Flag has made!

And it whispers to-day to each star-told State:

"You must hold me high and must keep me great!"

I thank you. [Applause.]

Mr. NASH. Ladies and gentlemen, Chairman Moses has asked me to make an announcement to you. This will close this part of the camp-fire meeting, and immediately following will be the pageant "Welcome to the Old Home Town" presented by the Women's Relief Corps of Denver. During the time that they are getting ready the Cotton Blossom Singers will sing a short number for you.

(The Cotton Blossom Singers, of Piney Woods, Miss., then sang Carry Me Back to Old Virginia, after which the following pageant was presented:)

#### WELCOME TO THE OLD HOME TOWN

A PAGEANT OF HISTORY OF THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, FOUNDED IN DENVER IN  
1881

[Written by Laura G. Whited. Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Isabel McLaughlin,  
Director]

#### CAST

Chairmen: Dora E. Kennedy, Anna Adams, Isabel McLaughlin.

Music under direction of Cora Yegge, Julia Hockett, Raynie Hobart.

*First scene.* The organization of The Woman's Relief Corps.

A group of loyal women place their hands upon the Bible, taking the oath of obligation: Miss Sue Chapin, Great Mother; Mary L. Carr, Helen B. Anderson, Anna Titus, Louise Lloyd, Pearl Ford, Laura Trester, Frances Phillips, Blanche P. Poblete, Mattie E. Stewart.

*Second scene.* Clara Barton and her aides, organized during the dark days of the Civil War: Julia E. Killam, Vallie G. Faris, Fannie Ames, Stella Thomas.

*Third scene.* The American Red Cross, founded by Clara Barton.

Rose of No Man's Land, by Daughters Glee Club; Julia Hockett, Dora Seidler, soloists; Minnie E. Davidson, accompanist.

Chorus: Hazel Shapard, Maude Cole, Agnes Paul, Florence Hollowell, Mabel Brown, Lou E. Shull, Henriette Stills, Dora Russe, Luna Bleistein, Helen Bleistein, Florence Reif, Mae Nelan, Harriett Everest, Marie Hill.

*Fourth scene:* Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: Ellen Parr, Blanche Sheldon, Olive Huff, Blanche McKalvey. Daughters of Union Veterans: Hattie B. Jones, Mary Wartner, Rosemont Adams, Helen Bleistein. Auxiliary of Sons of Union Veterans: Nanette K. Walsh, Alta Patton, Lucy Jorndt, May Rankin Fox.

*Fifth scene:* Pension and relief; increased pensions. Veterans: Charles Tridmore, P. W. Copeland, Jennie Anderson, Mildred McKenzie.

*Sixth scene:* Child welfare—the relief of needy children: Milam Harrison Gray, George Stidger, Willis Stidger. Virginia McCulloch, aide; Milam Harrison Gray, soloist.

*Seventh scene:* Entertainment; fruit and tobacco for the disabled soldier. Soldier, Arthur McCulloch; nurse, Blanche Sheldon; aide, Ethel Lathrope.

*Eighth scene:* Americanization. Liberty, Miss Marie Hays; America, to be sung by the entire audience; our alien friends, England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Belgium, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Switzerland, Rumania, Italy, Greece, Germany, Holland, China, Japan, Mexico, South America.

*Ninth scene:* The American soldier and sailor. Soldier, Sergt. Arthur L. Kelly, United States Army; sailor, Fire Controlman Walter Aldridge, United States Navy; marine, Sergt. John F. Cato, United States Marines; Spanish War veterans; World War veterans.

*Tenth scene:* Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. Fraternity, Cora Potter; Charity, Helena Schaeffer; Loyalty, Marie Stewart.

Star-Spangled Banner; the entire audience is requested to join in singing.

## SCRIPT

Setting: Any stage or platform. Palms or flowers or both can be used for decorations.

*Cast of characters:* Great Mother, tall, stately woman with grey hair; Members of W. R. C., about 10 or 12 or less; Clara Barton, small brunette; aides, no particular type; Red Cross nurse; Liberty, tall, preferably blonde; Ragged Mother, sad-looking woman; child, about 10 years old; aliens, seven or eight, any age; Charity, Fraternity, and Loyalty, young girls; soldier; sailor; scout; old veteran.

*Costumes:* Liberty, red, white, and blue bunting with stars. Wears crown or wreath of flowers. Great Mother, white with shoulder sash and letters W. R. C. Clara Barton and aides, full skirts and sleeves of 1861. Aliens, costumes representing country to which they belong. Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, red, white, and blue robes; wreath of flowers or bandeau of red, white, and blue ribbon around their heads.

## THE OLD HOME TOWN

READER. Forty-five years ago a group of loyal women placed their hands upon the Bible and vowed to perpetuate the memory of our gallant boys in blue and care for them and their dependent ones. Right nobly have they performed their mission; they have stood behind the G. A. R. and have given of their strength and substance willingly.

## SCENE I

(Enter a number of women, if possible in the costume of 1883, and place their hands upon the Bible, as if taking the obligation. Stand posed a few seconds, and then step back.)

READER. The W. R. C. was born during the dark days of the Civil War, when Clara Barton and a few other young women braved criticism and all the dangers and exposures of the battle field to minister to the wounded and dying.

## SCENE II

(Enter Clara Barton and her aides. They should carry dressings, bandages, and, if possible, an old-fashioned lantern, and be dressed in the full skirts and sleeves of 1861.)

READER. Not only did she found the W. R. C., but that splendid organization, the American Red Cross.

## SCENE III

(Enter Red Cross nurse.) Solo, The Rose of No Man's Land.

READER. Other societies have sprung up—the Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Union Veterans, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, and so forth, but the W. R. C. still fills the unique position of great mother—the mother of them all—and as such extends to all the glad hand of friendship.

## SCENE IV

(Enter members of the various allied societies.)

READER. We will draw a curtain over the past and take up the work of the present. (All step to the back of the stage, with the exception of the Great Mother.) First, pension and relief. See the face of the sad-looking old soldier brighten up when a member of the W. R. C. tells him his pension has been raised.

## SCENE V

(Enter old soldier, looking sad. Great Mother greets him with: "Cheer up, old comrade; your pension has been raised," handing him letter.)

READER. Second, child welfare.

## SCENE VI

(Enter ragged child and ragged women. Child steps forward to center of stage and sings: I Think When I Read. Great Mother, with armful of clothes, leads child away.)

READER. Third, entertainment.



## SCENE VII

(Enter a crippled World War veteran supported by Red Cross nurse. Great Mother presents him with fruit and tobacco. Music softly playing, There's a Long, Long Trail.)

READER. Fourth, Americanization. When the aliens from foreign shores seek admission to our wonderful country in the name of sweet liberty (music, America), the Woman's Relief Corps is always on hand to bid them welcome and present them with the starry flag.

## SCENE VIII

(Enter Liberty at right escorted by color bearers. Verse of America sung, the audience joining. Enter aliens at left, who stretch out hands to Liberty and proceed slowly one by one, if possible in native costumes—Russian, Dutch, Scotch, Irish, Italian, etc. Great Mother presents each with a flag and copy of American creed. A few bars of each national anthem should be played as they slowly walk across the stage.)

READER. Uncle Sam receives all nations and all tongues and welcomes them as American citizens under the protection of such as these.

## SCENE IX

(Enter soldier, sailor, and scout, Spanish war veterans, and World War men. Spanish war men at right, World War men at left. Scout is in center bearing flag. Soldier and sailor stand at attention while audience pledges allegiance to the flag, followed by Star-Spangled Banner.)

READER. And now in the name of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty I bid you welcome to the old home town.

## SCENE X

(Enter Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty dressed in flowing robes of red, white, and blue—Fraternity in red, Charity in white, Loyalty in blue. Charity stands in the center. Fraternity and Loyalty kneel on one knee, one on either side, half facing the audience, just touching the tips of Charity's fingers. Four color bearers stand behind them—two in center with flags crossed.)

Curtain.

## THE GRAND PARADE

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The following accounts of the parade held Wednesday forenoon, September 19, 1928, are taken from the Denver papers of that and the following day:

[Denver Post]

THOUSANDS ACCLAIM MARCH OF HEROES IN DOWNTOWN STREETS—PROCESSION OF 2,000 VETERANS IS COLORFUL SPECTACLE—HIGH STATE AND CITY OFFICIALS REVIEW BOYS OF '61

By ALBERT E. HAYES

Denver received a patriotic thrill of a generation Wednesday when the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic marched, like an animated river in blue, between two solid banks of cheering patriots and admirers, men, women, and children, packed 10 deep, shoulder to shoulder, for a distance of 16 blocks.

Nearly 2,000 warriors of the sixties formed that rhythmic river in blue sweeping over the pavements in time to the thrilling notes of martial music and under the waving banners of Nation and States, each section headed by its own standard bearers and enlivened by the music of its own fife and drum corps.

Under a smiling sun that chased away the early cloud banks, leaving a perfect canopy of blue above, the old soldiers of the Potomac seemed to renew their youth. When the order to fall in was sounded on the bugle they lined up in formation of fours just as promptly as ever they did in their proudest days. With heads erect and eyes front they passed the reviewing stand with firm and martial steps in time to the music.

Leading the parade was a platoon of mounted police under the command of Captain Merritt, and immediately following came the officers of the reserve corps on foot, each carrying aloft a large Star-Spangled Banner. This was a feature of the parade not before seen in Denver, and it brought round after round of cheers from the vast throngs in every block, who stood with reverent heads bared while the procession of flags passed along. A composite band of 50 pieces headed the parade of flags, playing the military tunes that prevailed in the Civil War and that have inspired the old veterans of the Grand Army for over 60 years.

Another large guard of honor was formed from the military ranks of the Sons of Union Veterans and with them a contingent of the Spanish War veterans. Then came the commander in chief of the Grand Army, Elbridge L. Hawk, standing bareheaded in an automobile, his venerable white hair streaming in the breeze, bowing and saluting grandly to the applauding thousands. That sight alone will not be forgotten in the hearts of Denver's population. It was the thrill of a lifetime, probably never to be repeated.

VETERANS FROM ILLINOIS, AT HEAD OF MARCHERS, WILDLY APPLAUDED

But with all the pomp and glory and color of war, the thrill of music and waving of flags, the glitter of uniforms and pride of prancing horses, with all that, the glory of the Grand Army parade is the march of the men in blue. Headed by its fife and drum corps of 21 pieces, the great State of Illinois, mother of the Grand Army, came first, more than 70 strong. These grandfathers of war, from the home of the sainted Lincoln, from the battle fields of the Nation, received a tremendous burst of applause as they came into view block by block. Illinois was the first State to organize the Grand Army posts, and for 62 years it has always held its proud position in the vanguard of the veterans' parade.



Wisconsin, the home of the Iron Brigade, was the second State to organize, and the veterans from the Badger State marched proudly close on the heels of the men from Illinois. Then came the contingents from Pennsylvania, Ohio, and New York in order of seniority, and so on down the line until the veterans of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, hosts to the visitors, brought up the rear, having surrendered their place in line out of courtesy to the visiting contingents.

At the courthouse on Sixteenth Street the reviewing stand, extending for more than a city block, was packed with thousands of the most prominent citizens of Colorado and officials of the city and State, together with Army officers, visiting notables, officers of all the bodies associated with the Grand Army of the Republic, and thousands of everyday citizens. This marked the culmination of the big parade, for the old veterans knew that it marked the end of their weary march and they stepped with renewed alacrity as they passed the stand with thousands of eyes focused on their ranks. The rounds of applause were deafening, and as the boys in blue brought their eyes right and gave the snappy military salute to the colors and in honor of the reviewing officials, the crowd arose to its feet in a frenzy of enthusiasm seldom witnessed in the mile high city.

#### LIVE HEROES OF HISTORY MARCH BEFORE EYES OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

One of the beautiful and touching features of the parade was the placing of thousands and thousands of school children in the front rows along the lines of march. In gala attire, with tiny flags in their hands, these children with wonder-wide eyes were having the greatest treat in their lives and one they will never forget so long as the lessons of loyalty and patriotism have power to thrill the souls of humans.

The wonderful manner in which the men 90 years old stood the march was the subject of universal comment, and when they returned to their hotels not a man seemed the worse for the ordeal. The thoughtfulness of Denver in preparing hundreds of Boy Scouts and Highlanders with canteens filled with water all along the line of march was a happy thought, for the old soldiers appreciated a sip of water as they marched or immediately after they disbanded.

"Dismiss."

The bugle blows that heart-touching refrain at the end of every formation, every march, every duty well performed. A thousand times the bugle notes have gladdened the ears of these old soldiers when they were in the pride of youth on the battle field and along the march, for noonday rest or evening retreat. Once more they heard that welcome bugle call, "Dismiss," but did it have a touch of sadness in its pure notes? To how many will it prove the last order of life, the last release from duty, the last call to rest and refreshment?

"Dismiss."

And the last grand parade of the Grand Army of the Republic, the last for many of these noble men, the last that Denver will ever behold, was over. With bowed heads and reverent hearts the best that the citizens of Denver can wish for these grand heroes is "Godspeed and God bless you now and evermore."

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[Rocky Mountain News]

After all, yesterday was "the day" of the encampment. Yesterday was the sole reason for hundreds of veterans coming to Denver.

Yesterday was parade day.

Rank on rank, some departments with numerous comrades—others seriously depleted by time—the Grand Army marched through downtown streets.

#### VETERANS SCORN ASSISTANCE

An occasional veteran, eager to show his youth, traded pleasantries with the crowd. But to the majority of marchers in blue, it was a serious occasion that brought memories of absent comrades.

The Illinois department led the other States, an honor coming through the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic in that State.

H. O. Dodge, past department commander of Colorado and Wyoming, who is ill at Fitzsimons General Hospital, ordered that he be taken from his sick bed in order to watch the march.

Three National Guard planes, piloted by Capt. Carlos Reavis and Lieuts. Virgil Stone and Cecil Bradick, cast their shadows of modernity over the parade.

The veterans proudly passed the reviewing stand and the last parade for many was over.

And so outgoing trains will carry many veterans to-night.

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[Editorial from Rocky Mountain News]

It has been good for Denver to have the Grand Army of the Republic encampment. The heart of the community has been softened; it knows more now about the brotherhood of man. Its arms were opened to the veterans.

An exceptionally large percentage of the people, young and old, took time off business to be personal hosts to the visitors, practically every one of whom must be past 80 years. They were honored guests in the best sense of the term, honored for themselves, honored for the cause which they represented.

Their coming brought from memory's recesses those years that tried men's souls. And as for them, they have lived long enough to see a Nation united again. Time, the great assuager, has freed them of rancor and all forms of bitterness—they have become philosophic fatalists. It had to be in their time and it were well to be done with.

As a recompense for the war the latter brought out as nothing else could have done the true American fiber, placed under the severest possible test. Man's finest attributes were not confined to one side. Courage, bravery, determination were to be found in South and North—they were universal. The South lost, but it fought a stubborn, uphill battle. It must have believed at the time that it was in the right. Now it has no regrets. To-day more firmly than ever it realizes that there could not be a division of the Nation. Economic considerations alone would have brought it into the Union later, even if it had won the right to go its ways.

Denver has much to be proud of. Its citizenship, and Denver as a municipality, opened the heart to the veterans, many of whom were in need of exceptional care. The whole of Denver participated—that was the fine thing about it—from the boy scout to his father and his grandfather. Wherever the guests found themselves there was some one organization on hand to care for them. If they were tired, they had places to rest; if they wished to go somewhere, conveyances were at hand. The younger generation that was in arms recently was omnipresent.

The police department unbent, removed its mask, and became tender as a mother to the men in blue. Women's organizations associated with the Grand Army of the Republic, and others of a philanthropic nature joined hands to make the visit of the veterans a memorable one. Street-car employees went out of the way to be useful and kindly to the aged.

As for the guests, they were beyond reproach, an hourly wonder to those much younger than them. They were up betimes, ever on the move, young in spirit as they were 60 years ago. The selective process in their midst had been going on for a long time; only the stanchest, the most exemplary remained on the rolls. They have lived the good life or they would not be here.

Hail and farewell to the brave spirits, and when they pass over there will be a noble assembly on the other side to greet them!





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GENERAL ORDERS, }  
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TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
PANTLIND HOTEL,  
*Grand Rapids, Mich., September 16, 1927.*

I. Having been elected and installed commander in chief by the sixty-first national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, I hereby assume command.

II. Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic will be established in the State Capitol, Sacramento, Calif., where all official communications should be addressed to the adjutant general.

III. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Adjutant General: William H. Noll, Los Angeles, Calif.

Quartermaster General: Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.

Assistant Quartermaster General and Custodian of Records: Samuel P. Town, Philadelphia, Pa.

Chief of Staff: George A. Hosley, West Somerville, Mass.

IV. Further appointments will be announced in future general orders.

ELBRIDGE L. HAWK,  
*Commander in Chief.*

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GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 2 }  
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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
STATE CAPITOL,  
*Sacramento, Calif., October 25, 1927.*

I. The members of the Grand Army of the Republic, by the steadfast maintenance of their revered order for more than half a century, with their number dropping from high tide to low ebb, are now hailed as marvels of the present. Every past annual national encampment has focused the attention of the Nation. The proceedings of the sixty-first national encampment, held at Grand Rapids, Mich., September 11 to 16, 1927, proved no exception. The national officers elected there are hereby announced in regular sequence:

Commander in chief: Elbridge L. Hawk, Sacramento, Calif.

Senior vice commander in chief: Calvin A. Brainard, Buffalo, N. Y.

Junior vice commander in chief: Samuel E. Mahan, St. Paul, Minn.

Surgeon general: Dr. Henry A. Johnson, Washington, D. C.

Chaplain in chief: J. King Gibson, National Soldiers' Home, Ohio.

### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Alabama: John A. Barr, Citronelle.

Arkansas: Cos Altenberg, Little Rock.

California and Nevada: William H. Noll, Los Angeles, Calif.

Colorado and Wyoming: James E. Jewell, Fort Morgan, Colo.

Connecticut: Adrian P. Sloan, Hartford.

Delaware: Wesley Jackson, Lincoln City.

Florida: A. R. Sawyer, Lakeland.

Georgia and South Carolina: Henry Bruner, Fitzgerald, Ga.

Idaho: C. L. Longley, Boise.

Illinois: William P. Wright, Chicago.

Indiana: David N. Foster, Fort Wayne.

Iowa: J. L. Farrington, Iowa Falls.

Kansas: E. W. Phillips, Wichita.



Kentucky: M. H. Davidson, Louisville.  
 Louisiana and Mississippi: E. K. Russ, New Orleans, La.  
 Maine: Nelson Brown, Lewiston.  
 Maryland: George T. Leech, Baltimore.  
 Massachusetts: Henry Clark, Cambridge.  
 Michigan: Albert Dunham, Lansing.  
 Minnesota: Silas H. Towler, Minneapolis.  
 Missouri: S. D. Webster, St. Louis.  
 Montana: George I. Reiche, Helena.  
 Nebraska: Edwin F. Brown, Lincoln.  
 New Hampshire: Eben C. Chase, Hooksett.  
 New Jersey: Isaac N. Cole, Maplewood.  
 New Mexico: (No nomination made.)  
 New York: Louis La Vallee, Delmar.  
 North Dakota: George Hawks, Fargo.  
 Ohio: E. P. Taggart, Akron.  
 Oklahoma: D. C. Bothell, El Reno.  
 Oregon: Charles S. Baker, Portland.  
 Pennsylvania: W. F. Hambright, Lancaster.  
 Potomac: Dr. Henry A. Johnson, Washington, D. C.  
 Rhode Island: Samuel A. Wheldon, East Providence.  
 South Dakota: George W. Snow, Springfield.  
 Tennessee: F. M. Underwood, Knoxville.  
 Texas: Edward Loomis, San Antonio.  
 Utah: W. L. Goodsell, Salt Lake City.  
 Vermont: Dr. E. J. Foster, Waterbury Center.  
 Virginia and North Carolina: John Brown, Richmond, Va.  
 Washington and Alaska: Dr. J. E. Gandy, Spokane, Wash.  
 West Virginia: J. T. McCombs, Moundsville.  
 Wisconsin: George W. Morton, Berlin.

II. The following staff appointments are announced:

Adjutant general: William H. Noll, Los Angeles, Calif.  
 Quartermaster general: Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Judge advocate general: John Reese, Broken Bow, Nebr.  
 Inspector general: Walter L. Funk, Grand Rapids, Mich.  
 National patriotic instructor: Charles W. Blodgett, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Assistant adjutant general: George W. Grannis, Turlock, Calif.  
 Assistant quartermaster general and custodian of records: Samuel P. Town, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Chief of staff: George A. Hosley, West Somerville, Mass.  
 Senior aide-de-camp: William H. Comstock, Denver, Colo.

III. The commander in chief, senior vice commander in chief, adjutant general, quartermaster general, and the following-named members of the national council of administration will constitute the executive committee of the national council of administration:

Silas H. Towler, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 William P. Wright, Chicago, Ill.  
 David N. Foster, Fort Wayne, Ind.  
 Dr. J. E. Gandy, Spokane, Wash.  
 W. F. Hambright, Lancaster, Pa.  
 James E. Jewell, Fort Morgan, Colo.  
 E. W. Phillips, Wichita, Kans.

IV. Official headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic are established in the State capitol, Sacramento, Calif., where all official communications to the commander in chief and adjutant general should be addressed.

V. Comrade William H. Noll, elected a member of the national council of administration from the Department of California and Nevada, having been appointed adjutant general, the commander of that department has appointed Comrade John C. Kendrick, Pasadena, Calif., to fill the vacancy and the appointment is hereby confirmed.

VI. All requisitions for supplies, etc., with remittances therefor, must be sent direct to the quartermaster general, Cola D. R. Stowits, 502 Peoples Bank Building, Buffalo, N. Y. Drafts, checks, and money orders should be made payable to him as quartermaster general.

All remittances for amounts of less than \$5 must be sent in post-office money orders.

VII. Assistant adjutants general are requested to forward promptly to these headquarters notice of the death of any permanent member of the national encampment in their respective departments, with brief sketch of their military and Grand Army service, for publication in general orders.

VIII. Assistant adjutants general are requested to send to the adjutant general, immediately on receipt of these orders, a copy of the department roster and journal of the last department encampment; also all department general orders.

IX. Department commanders will forward to these headquarters the names of comrades whom they desire to recommend for appointment as aides-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief. They are requested to give the full name of the comrades recommended, their post No., and post-office address, so that notice of appointment may be sent them promptly.

X. Assistant adjutants general are requested to send to Chaplain in Chief J. King Gibson, National Soldiers' Home, Ohio, the names and addresses of the department chaplains, and to National Patriotic Instructor Charles W. Blodgett, 2890 Ziegle Avenue, Hyde Park, Cincinnati, Ohio, the names and addresses of the department patriotic instructors of their respective departments.

XI. Comrades are advised that requests for an opinion, or an appeal from the decision of a department commander, must be made to the commander in chief through department headquarters. The judge advocate general can render an opinion only to the commander in chief, and requests sent him out of the regular channels will be returned.

XII. The commander in chief is desirous of visiting a large number of department encampments, and in order that he may arrange for these visitations department commanders are requested to notify these headquarters as to the location of their next encampment and the approximate date.

XIII. The following resolutions were adopted:

1. Providing that the committee on legislation shall use every effort to procure such legislation as shall give all widows of Civil War soldiers, who have become 65 years of age, the sum of \$50 a month. (This was the only pension legislation authorized by the national encampment.)

2. Protesting the retirement of the Board of Managers of the National Soldiers' Home and the placing of the home under the supervision of the Veterans' Bureau.

3. Indorsing a memorial in the city of Miami, Fla., and regretting that no Grand Army funds are available for such purpose.

4. That an amplifier be provided for the next national encampment to enable the representatives to hear the proceedings.

5. Providing that any person acting as assistant adjutant or assistant quartermaster for a post or department be entitled to wear the Grand Army badge, with a bar bearing the word "Honorary" attached thereto, to be worn by such person while performing such duties.

6. Indorsing project of the National G. A. R. Memorial Association and the National Memorial Day League to erect a national G. A. R. memorial building in Washington, D. C., at a cost of at least \$10,000,000, and further indorsing the project to keep Memorial Day sacred until at least 12 o'clock.

7. Stating that the time has not arrived when we should turn over to any organization our Memorial Day duties, and providing that this question should be left to each department.

8. Resolution of thanks to the city of Grand Rapids, its officials, police, newspapers, and citizenship generally for their splendid hospitality and entertainment.

XIV. The following comrades are announced as the committee on legislation:

Samuel R. Van Sant, Minneapolis, Minn.

Lewis S. Pilcher, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Oscar A. Janes, Detroit, Mich.

Hosea B. Moulton, Washington, D. C.

Samuel P. Town, Philadelphia, Pa.



XV. Denver, Colo., was selected as the meeting place of the sixty-second national encampment, time to be announced later.

XVI. Further decisions of the national encampment will be announced in General Orders, No. 3.

XVII. The commander in chief desires, at this time to return his sincere thanks for and his sincere appreciation of the high honor conferred upon him by his comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic in its sixty-first national encampment.

By command of—

ELBRIDGE L. HAWK, *Commander in Chief.*

WILLIAM H. NOLL,  
*Adjutant General.*

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#### IN MEMORIAM

JAMES TANNER, PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1905-6

Comrade James Tanner died at his home in Washington, D. C., October 2, 1927, aged 83 years. He was born in Richmondville, Schoharie County, N. Y., April 4, 1844, and after attending district school, took a course in a business college, later becoming a school teacher.

When President Lincoln issued his first call for volunteers, Comrade Tanner enlisted as a private in Company C, Eighty-seventh New York Infantry, and was soon promoted to corporal, by which title he has since always been affectionately called. He participated in the Seven Days Battles of the Peninsular Campaign and in the second battle of Bull Run he was severely wounded in both legs, and on the battle field under fire both legs were amputated. After several months in the hospital he was discharged from the service.

In 1865, when a clerk in the Ordnance Bureau of the War Department, Corporal Tanner was called from his lodging next door to take at the death-bed of President Lincoln the first testimony of the assassination, and Comrade Tanner's death takes the last witness of the death of the Great Emancipator.

Later Corporal Tanner served in various positions in the State of New York and in Government positions, among them deputy collector of the port of New York and Pension Commissioner. In 1904 he was appointed Register of Wills for the District of Columbia, which position he held continuously to the time of his death.

Comrade Tanner had always taken an active part in the work of the Grand Army of the Republic, joining U. S. Grant Post, of Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1869. He served as commander of the department of New York for two terms from 1876 to 1878, and was instrumental in starting the State soldiers' home at Bath, N. Y., the cornerstone of which was laid during his second administration. He served as judge advocate general in 1892-93, and 1903-4, and was elected commander in chief at Denver, Colo., in 1905.

When the Red Cross was reorganized in 1904, Comrade Tanner took an active part therein and served as director for many years.

We can give no better example of the influence he had on his fellow citizens than to quote from an editorial in the Washington Post of October 4, 1927:

"James Tanner personified the heroic fortitude of the boys of sixty-one. No men in the history of the world ever surpassed the Americans who grappled in the Civil War. They were not only desperate fighters, but were capable of bearing up under excruciating pains and prolonged sufferings. The life of Corporal Tanner from the moment his legs were shattered at Bull Run, until death came to his relief, was one long agony of physical pain. He suffered for a period almost as long as the allotted life of man, and instead of becoming a misanthrope or a burden upon others, he performed more than a man's work and gave bountifully from his inexhaustible stock of public spirit and optimism. Every encampment of the Grand Army found him answering the roll call. His contributions to the welfare of his old comrades were innumerable, thanks to his eloquence and generosity.



"For many years Mr. Tanner was a resident of Washington, as Commissioner of Pensions and later as Register of Wills. He conducted his office with a fidelity worthy of a soldier who had suffered a living death for the flag. Changes of administration did not touch him. All Presidents were delighted to honor the Grand Army in honoring him.

"The soil of the United States is hallowed when such men as James Tanner are laid in it and the Stars and Stripes floats proudly over them. The country that produces such men can never die or lose its freedom. It cherishes their memory with gratitude and points to their history as the most glorious part of its own."

And from another source we quote the following:

"Corporal Tanner left both legs on the battlefield, but he brought his indomitable spirit home with him. A man doesn't stand by the flesh alone."

He will be missed at the national encampments, the last one at Grand Rapids being the first break in his attendance after 51 years. His eloquence, his wise counsel, and his kindly smile will be lacking, but let us, my comrades, show a little of that same spirit, until our summons, too, shall come.

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 3 }  
SERIES OF 1927-28 }

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
STATE CAPITOL,  
*Sacramento, Calif., March 8, 1928.*

I. The sixty-second national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will meet in Denver, Colo., the week beginning September 16, 1928. The national headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic, National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War, and the Woman's Relief Corps will be located in the Brown Palace Hotel.

II. The various passenger associations have granted a rate of one fare for the round trip, certificate plan, tickets to be on sale from September 11-17, return limit, October 31, 1928. Complete information will be given in future general orders.

III. Those to whom the reduced rate will apply are (a) members of the Grand Army of the Republic; (b) wife or dependent members of the family of a member of the Grand Army of the Republic; (c) widows of deceased members of the Grand Army of the Republic; (d) members and dependent members of the families of members of the following auxiliary and allied organizations, holding conventions in connection with the National Encampment: National Association, Army Nurses of the Civil War; Woman's Relief Corps; Ladies of the G. A. R.; Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

IV. The Denver encampment committee has organized with Mr. Carl Litzenberger, chairman, and Mr. Harry N. Burhans, secretary, and the following committees have been appointed:

Hotels and accommodations: Frank Dutton, chairman. All requests for reservations are to be addressed to Mrs. Edith G. Oakes, 505 Seventeenth Street, Denver, Colo.

Parade: Col. Kenneth C. Marstellar, chairman, care International Trust Co., Denver, Colo.

Badges: Carl Litzenberger, care the H. H. Tammen Co., Seventeenth and Larimer Streets, Denver.

Reception: Jack Keating, care Union Station, Denver.

Music: Henry Sachs, care Sachs Lawlor Co., 1543 Larimer Street, Denver.

V. The following appointments are announced:

Assistant adjutant general: John J. Steadman, Los Angeles, Calif., vice George W. Grannis, deceased.

Senior aide-de-camp: John W. Cox, Des Moines, Iowa, vice William H. Comstock, deceased.

VI. The sixty-first national encampment elected the following comrades as trustees of the permanent fund:

Past Commander in Chief John R. King, elected for two years to fill the unexpired term of Past Commander in Chief Patterson, deceased.



Past Commander in Chief Lewis S. Pilcher, elected for three years, to succeed himself.

VII. Comrade Henry A. Johnson, member of the national council of administration from the Department of the Potomac, having been elected surgeon general, by virtue of which office he became a member of the national council, the commander of the Department of the Potomac has appointed Comrade John Middleton, Washington, D. C., to represent that department and the appointment is hereby confirmed.

VIII. The commander of the Department of South Dakota having appointed Comrade W. H. Cornell, Brookings, S. D., a member of the national council of administration, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Comrade George W. Snow, the appointment is hereby confirmed.

IX. The commander of the Department of New Jersey having appointed Comrade Joseph A. Goodrich, Jersey City, N. J., a member of the council of administration to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Comrade Isaac Cole, the appointment is hereby confirmed.

X. The Department of New Mexico having failed to nominate a member of the national council of administration at the last national encampment, the commander of that department has appointed Comrade Luther Frost, Las Cruces, N. M., to fill the vacancy, and the appointment is hereby confirmed.

XI. Information having reached these headquarters that some posts are opening their business meetings indiscriminately to those not entitled to sit in their meetings, the commander in chief deems it wise to repeat the action of the national encampment, for the benefit of those who do not know of such action, or if they do know, are deliberately ignoring it.

"1. All members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in good standing in their organization, may attend meetings of Grand Army Posts. This does not give them the privilege, however, of membership in the post or the right to vote or take an active part in the proceedings of the post.

"2. Posts may employ a secretary or stenographer to be present at their meetings to take the records of the meetings and assist with the books of the adjutant and quartermaster. Persons appointed for this purpose do not in any sense become officers of the post. They may do the clerical work of the adjutant or quartermaster, but they do not, thereby, become adjutant or quartermaster, sergeant major or quartermaster sergeant, or acquire any other rights incident to membership. They must not be installed into office and while they may write the reports of such officers, the report must be signed by the officer himself and must evidence his official action. No one not a member of the Grand Army of the Republic can hold any office in any post or be installed into any office therein."

Department commanders and post commanders are urged, therefore, to see that these decisions of the national encampment are not violated.

XII. Soon after General Orders, No. 2, were issued, the question was raised as to the legality of the resolution providing for badges for those acting as clerk or secretary of a post, inasmuch as the resolution was not adopted as an amendment to the article of the rules and regulations concerning badges. The further objection was made that in some States laws had been passed providing a penalty for the wearing of the Grand Army badge, or a badge so closely resembling it as to be mistaken for it, by those not members of the order.

As the person for whom the badge was intended has been designated in various places by the title of clerk, stenographer, and secretary, the commander in chief referred the question of badge and title of person by whom it was to be worn to Comrade John Reese, judge advocate general. He, after careful consideration, has returned the following opinion, which meets with the approval of the commander in chief:

"The resolution which was adopted by the sixty-first national encampment on the recommendation of the committee on resolutions (see General Orders, No. 2, Article XIII, par. 5), is merely a recommendation and not mandatory. The Grand Army of the Republic has no honorary members. The badge to be worn by the members and officers was adopted by the National Grand Army of the Republic at its special session, October, 1869, with the adoption of an additional device in 1886. Only members of the Grand Army of the Republic are entitled to wear this badge, according to the rules and regulations of the order, and in some States the State laws forbid the wearing of any badge that



may be mistaken for the Grand Army badge, by persons not members of the Grand Army.

"The words 'honorary member' as recommended in the resolution to be placed on the badge would be misleading. The inference would be that the person wearing the badge was an honorary member of the order, therefore the recommendation should not be complied with as to words to be placed on the badge.

"A substantial compliance with the resolution would be to have a badge with a bar bearing the words 'Secretary to post' or 'Secretary to department,' as the case may be, and furnished on request for use in posts and departments.

"This kind of a badge would be a recognition of the one acting as secretary and would meet the intent of the resolution and not conflict with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"The full matter of the preparation of such a badge as suggested, or whether there shall be such a badge at all, should be left entirely to the discretion of the commander in chief."

XIII. The quartermaster general has prepared a badge consisting of a bronze bar bearing the words "Secretary to post" and attached to ribbon used on post officers' badges. These badges may be ordered by departments from the quartermaster general and are to be worn by the secretary when acting in such capacity.

#### PENSION LEGISLATION

XIV. The last national encampment considered the pension question in the meeting of the committee on resolutions composed of one member from each department, making 43 members in all. After discussing the matter for some time, and from all angles, this committee decided that it would be impossible to secure the passage of a bill increasing the pensions of veterans during this session, but many of the committee, who had talked the matter over with Members of Congress, were of the opinion that if a bill could be passed, increasing the pensions of widows who were getting but \$30, the President might sign it. The feeling was general that the President, in view of his public statements at various times, would not sign a bill increasing the pensions of veterans, since he has stated that he thinks the Government has been liberal to its soldiers.

As a result of this discussion, the resolution committee reported to the national encampment that it was deemed inexpedient to ask for any legislation at this session other than an increase to \$50 for widows 65 years of age or over. This report was made in the presence of the entire encampment, and not one dissenting voice was raised against it or in favor of an increase for the veterans, and yet some who are condemning this administration so unfairly were present when this matter came up, and never raised their voice in favor of any other legislation.

The commander in chief had no part in this matter, but feels, as you must admit he should, that the body which elected him was the same body which decided to ask for no increase in pension other than for the widows, and he, by the obligation which he took when installed into office as commander in chief, had no choice but to follow the dictates of that encampment which had elected him to such office.

After careful consideration, he selected five comrades experienced in pension legislation to serve on the committee on legislation. In making these appointments he was guided only by his judgment of men who could best carry out the wishes of the Grand Army of the Republic, the appointment of no one of them having been solicited or recommended by any one.

On January 16 the commander in chief and the legislative committee met in Washington for the purpose of conferring with the Senate and House Committees on Pensions concerning pension legislation as advocated by the national encampment. Prior to the arrival of the committee on legislation, the commander in chief had an opportunity, through the courtesy of the Congressman from his home district, Hon. Charles F. Curry, to meet the chairman of the Senate and House Committees on Pensions. He tried to impress on these gentlemen the fact that the legislation asked for by the Grand Army of the Republic was fair and just.



On January 18 the legislative committee was given a hearing before the joint committees of the Senate and House. The legislative committee was accompanied to the hearing by the commander in chief and representatives from the Women's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their auxiliary, and all had an opportunity to express their views, the commander in chief confining his remarks to an expression of the wish of the encampment as shown by the record of proceedings, which was practically the same as Senate bill 1939.

After a full hearing and discussion, the committee adjourned. Since that time, Senate bill 1939 has been amended by striking out the age limit of 65 years and inserting the marriage date restriction now in force.

The House bill introduced by Congressman Fitzgerald, chairman of the House Committee on Pensions, was less liberal than the bill of Senator Robinson in the Senate, and provided for a pension of \$40 a month for widows who have reached the age of 75 years. This bill passed the House last week. Congressman Fitzgerald, in reporting the bill to the House, stated that this bill conformed to the administration economy program.

The commander in chief received a telegram from Washington stating that Senator Robinson desired his approval of an amendment of the Senate bill to conform to the provisions of the bill passed by the House, stating he felt it would then be passed by the Senate and signed by the President. The commander in chief did not feel that the House bill was liberal or fair, and members of the Grand Army committee on legislation are in Washington this week interviewing the President and members of Congress in an effort to bring about the passage of a more favorable bill. This committee will do its utmost to secure the best legislation possible.

XV. The following comrades, having complied with the necessary requirements, are hereby appointed aides-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief:

Name	Post	Address	Name	Post	Address
CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA			CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA—CON.		
Allum, L. W.....	118	Riverside.	Mass, Peter H.....	1	San Francisco.
Avery, A. S.....	203	Pomona.	Mennet, Overton H....	55	Los Angeles.
Baldwin, A. J.....	61	Chino.	Mershon, W. H.....	6	Do.
Bell, S. W.....	33	San Diego.	Milner, James R.....	181	Long Beach.
Bowsher, Amos L.....	3	Sacramento.	Mingay, Henry M.....	170	Tujunga.
Brown, Barney.....	181	Long Beach.	Mordough, John C.....	55	Los Angeles.
Chapman, John C.....	2	San Francisco.	Needham, P. O.....	3	Sacramento.
Cohn, Abram E.....	2	Do.	Niles, T. E.....	17	Garden Grove.
Corman, A. H.....	55	Los Angeles.	Nourse, John T.....	1	San Francisco.
Crouch, R. M.....	55	Do.	O'Farrell, W. M.....	33	San Diego.
Curry, James.....	8	Oakland.	Peter, Simon.....	50	Oakland.
Davis, Morrill I.....	197	Whittier.	Petty, Moses.....	106	Pomona.
De Groff, A. H.....	8	Oakland.	Riordan, Denis M.....	2	San Francisco.
Delmege, Charles G.....	23	Stockton.	Rockhold, B. F.....	118	Riverside.
Dietzmann, Frederick..	50	Oakland.	Ruddick, William J....	48	San Francisco.
Enyeart, S. H.....	55	Huntington Park.	Sallada, Wm. H.....	55	Los Angeles.
Everts, J. B.....	55	Los Angeles.	Savage, Wm. H.....	185	San Pedro.
Foster, Everett W.....	26	Watsonville.	Shattuck, C. C.....	2	San Francisco.
Francis, G. M.....	74	Napa.	Shelly, Thomas C.....	172	San Diego.
Gates, M. E.....	3	San Francisco.	Slease, Jacob.....	171	Veterans' Home.
Gilmore, M. F.....	33	San Diego.	Smith, John T.....	19	Chico.
Gipson, John C.....	72	Do.	Spelman, John.....	8	Oakland.
Gray, W. H.....	93	Pasadena.	Sprague, A. J.....	3	Sacramento.
Guth, M. L.....	50	Oakland.	Stilson, James McC....	19	Chico.
Hall, George W.....	138	Orange.	Stone, Wm. L.....	20	Santa Rosa.
Haines, T. L.....	197	Turlock.	Sutton, S. W.....	17	Santa Ana.
Halsey, H. W.....	93	Pasadena.	Thompson, Wesley.....	55	Huntington Park
Holtlander, J. J.....	32	Santa Cruz.	Tucker, W. E.....	80	Yuba City.
Hopkins, S. W.....	155	Lodi.	Veatch, H. C.....	96	Gridley.
James, Theodore H.....	8	Oakland.	Vining, Andrew J.....	2	San Francisco.
Judell, Herman L.....	2	San Francisco.	Wharff, Wm. H.....	1	Do.
Langley, E. T.....	17	Santa Ana.	Wilkinson, E. G.....	23	Stockton.
Lawrence, Philip.....	61	Pomona.	Wiley, Alden B.....	4	Vallejo.
Lininger, Michael D....	101	Auburn.	Willson, J. S.....	55	Los Angeles.
Lockwood, George N....	6	Los Angeles.	Winne, W. H.....	65	Woodland.
Lyon, Robert.....	93	Pasadena.	Wood, Henry H.....	181	Long Beach.
Martin, Russell C.....	6	Los Angeles.	Woodruff, Henry H....	50	Oakland.
Maryatt, O. H.....	17	Santa Ana.	Zeigler, Samuel.....	29	Stockton.



Name	Post	Address	Name	Post	Address
CONNECTICUT			MINNESOTA		
Abbott, Edward T.....	3	Bridgeport.	Davis, Recse.....	7	Marshall.
Allen, Edward H.....	13	Bristol.	Dubuy, P. F.....	4	Minneapolis.
Bates, George H.....	13	Terryville.	Finney, James C.....	73	Do.
Batterson, John H.....	48	South Norwalk.	Hughes, Nelson.....	1	Stillwater.
Cargill, F. A.....	3	Bridgeport.	Johnson, J. O.....	125	Willmar.
Davidson, Eugene.....	8	Meriden.	Klossner, Jacob, jr.....	48	New Ulm.
Meech, George T.....	53	Middletown.	Milligan, W. William.....	123	Faribault.
Morse, Charles E.....	68	Thomaston.	Parker, George A.....	67	Detroit Lakes.
Northrop, Homer F.....	49	Waterbury.	Peacock, Thomas H.....	119	Minneapolis.
Patrick, Wm. P.....	85	Stamford.	Pearlee, Joseph W.....	22	Do.
Richmond, James.....	3	Bridgeport.	Read, H. A.....	27	Waseca.
Smith, Sidney H.....	18	Danbury.	Van Ornum, E. W.....	190	Olivia.
Steven, Thomas.....	50	Hartford.	Wilkinson, Chas. R.....	8	St. Paul.
Whitehead, Lyman.....	18	Bethel.			
IDAHO			NEW JERSEY		
Gill, James M.....	4	Boise.	Bilbee, Wm. H.....	23	Trenton.
			Cowan, Joseph J.....	28	Paterson.
ILLINOIS			Jackson, Gustavus.....	3	Jersey City.
Beach, Chandler B.....	5	Chicago.	Post, William H.....	13	Do.
Cummings, John H.....	28	Evanston.	Smith, Spencer.....	28	New York City.
Deegan, J. C.....	247	Ransom.			
Ehnl, George J.....	575	Milledgeville.	NEW YORK		
Freeman, J. H.....	20	Aurora.	Barr, Edward.....	103	New York.
Marsh, Charles T.....	1	Rockford.	Barrow, W. M.....	93	Keuka Park.
O'Callaghan, Wm.....	6	Joliet.	Burk, John E.....	394	New York.
Zimmerman, D. C.....	273	Vandalia.	Collins, Thomas D.....	266	Middletown.
			Knapp, Robert P.....	266	Do.
INDIANA			Sturgis, Wm.....	103	New York.
Butler, Harris E.....	95	Rochester.			
Corlett, Joseph.....	40	Fort Wayne.	OHIO		
Sprinkle, Ben F.....	137	Huntington.	Buchwalter, Edward L.....	45	Springfield.
Venable, Jesse E.....	133	Noblesville.	Embich, Charles W.....	77	Lancaster.
			Getz, Albert.....	77	Do.
IOWA			Graham, James E.....	156	Circleville.
Armstrong, J. F.....	68	Waterloo.	Hollingsworth, David I.....	456	Cadiz.
Beatty, George E.....	110	Tipton.	Nisley, Solomon.....	77	Lancaster.
Blades, William.....	78	Dubuque.	Smith, Gustavus.....	446	Dayton.
Eddy, Henry E.....	236	Fort Dodge.	Sprague, V. R.....	253	McArthur.
Haun, S. S.....	130	Tipton.			
MASSACHUSETTS			PENNSYLVANIA		
Batchelder, Henri.....	156	Everett.	Barger, Louis F.....	1	Erie.
Carlton, Wm. E.....	49	Amesbury.	Baxter, Richard J.....	10	Philadelphia.
Chamberlain, A. Otis.....	30	Cambridge.	Fries, Winslow J.....	94	Do.
Corey, George W.....	168	Southbridge.	Good, Martin R.....	405	Bareville.
Crocker, Ellery C.....	117	Medfield.	Johns, Leonard E.....	259	Pittsburgh.
Dailey, George E.....	14	Hopkinton.	Kane, George.....	162	Do.
Davis, George M.....	11	Somerville.	Kershner, Chas. A.....	23	Pottsville.
Dearborn, Stanley B.....	14	Wakefield.	Lawton, Amos D.....	46	Philadelphia.
Dodge, Wm. F.....	5	Lynn.	Marshall, James M.....	28	Indiana.
Dusseault, John H.....	139	Somerville.	Moffett, Wm. G.....	64	Williamsport.
Frampton, Robert L.....	121	Hyde Park.	Morgan, T. E.....	153	Carnegie.
Frothingham, Edw. G.....	47	Haverhill.	Roche, Wm. F.....	5	Doylestown.
Gilman, Albert I.....	185	Lowell.	Rudolph, George I.....	88	Pittsburgh, N. S.
Gray, Joshua S.....	74	Rockland.	Runk, George D.....	179	Clearfield.
Greene, George M.....	22	Milford.	Ryan, George.....	117	Pitcairn.
Houghton, Charles S.....	53	Leominster.	Wireman, Henry.....	22	Danville.
Isaacs, Harry.....	26	Boston.			
King, David.....	15	Everett.	SOUTH DAKOTA		
Knowles, Alfred H.....	36	Arlington.	Downs, W. M.....	22	Madison.
Linehan, Cornelius J.....	5	Lynn.	Kinney, Leroy.....	7	Yankton.
Metcalf, Frank A.....	11	Boston.	McDonald, J. P.....	17	Parker.
Murray, Albert.....	5	Swampscott.			
O'Reilly, Francis J.....	56	Cambridge.	WASHINGTON AND ALASKA		
Sears, John R.....	174	Greenfield.	Sheehan, Henry.....	1	Seattle.
Smith, Charles W.....	49	Newburyport.			
Sprague, Fred E.....	5	Lynn.			
Stoddard, Joseph F.....	11	Chelsea.			
Wright, Alexander S.....	5	Lynn.			
Wright, James A.....	89	Beverly.			



XVI. Comrades are again reminded that all communications for the adjutant general should be addressed to him at State Capitol, Sacramento, Calif.

By command of—

ELBRIDGE L. HAWK,  
*Commander in Chief.*

WILLIAM H. NOLL,  
*Adjutant General.*

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#### IN MEMORIAM

Rev. George W. Grannis, assistant adjutant general on the staff of the commander in chief and past commander of the Department of California and Nevada, died at his home in Turlock, Calif., Nov. 18, 1927, aged 80 years. He enlisted in 1863 in Company E, One hundred and ninety-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged at Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1864. He was elected department commander in 1924.

Comrade William H. Comstock, senior aide-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief and assistant adjutant general and past commander of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, died at Fitzsimmons Hospital, Denver, Colo., November 26, 1927, aged 78 years. He enlisted in the United States Navy August 5, 1864, and served on the U. S. S. *Great Western*, *Fairy*, and *Pittsburgh*, and was discharged December 31, 1865. Comrade Comstock was elected department commander in 1917 and had also been commodore commanding of the National Association of Naval Veterans of the Civil War.

#### ARKANSAS

Comrade Charles C. Waters, past department commander, elected in 1886, died in Little Rock, Ark., October 22, 1927, aged 83 years. He enlisted August 11, 1862, in Company A, Ninety-first Illinois Infantry, and was discharged to accept a commission as first lieutenant in Company E, Fifty-sixth United States Colored Troops and was promoted to captain September 15, 1866.

Comrade George W. Clark, assistant adjutant general and past department commander, died at his home in Little Rock, Ark., November 7, aged 82 years. He enlisted in April, 1861, as private in Company C, First Michigan Cavalry, and at the expiration of his service in July, 1861, he reenlisted in the same company and regiment for three years, serving under Colonel Custer until discharged in August, 1865. Comrade Clark had served for 10 years as assistant adjutant general and was elected department commander for three terms, in 1899, 1921, and 1923.

#### FLORIDA

Comrade Seymour H. Wood, past commander of the Department of Vermont, died in St. Petersburg, Fla., December 30, 1927, aged 86 years. He enlisted in Company C, First Vermont Infantry, May 2, 1861, and reenlisted August 15, 1862, in company L, First Vermont Cavalry, and was discharged as sergeant in 1865. He was a commissioned officer of the Vermont National Guard for 20 years, retiring with rank of major. Comrade Wood transferred to the Department of Florida in 1920.

#### ILLINOIS

Comrade T. B. Coulter, past department commander, elected in 1878, died at his home in Canon City, Colo., June 27, 1927, aged 82 years. He enlisted as private in Company G, Eleventh Pennsylvania Regiment, and was later transferred to the United States Signal Corps, from which he was discharged November 11, 1865.

Comrade Philip Smith, past department commander, elected in 1924, died at his home in Peoria, Ill., October 25, 1927, aged 86 years. He was one of the organizers of the Peoria Zouaves, just previous to the Civil War, and when that organization was not accepted by the Government, Comrade Smith, with others of that command, went to St. Louis and enlisted in Company H, Eighth Missouri Infantry. He was later made color sergeant of the regiment and served as such until the end of his enlistment.

Comrade Henry C. Cooke, assistant adjutant general and assistant quartermaster general for 15 years, died at his home in Chicago, Ill., November 1,

1927, aged 85 years. He enlisted August 12, 1862, as private in Company H, One Hundred and Eighth Illinois Infantry, in which he served continuously for the 3-year term of his enlistment and, although participating in every battle in which his regiment was engaged, was never wounded or incapacitated to an extent necessitating hospital treatment.

## IOWA

Comrade L. J. Kron, past department commander, elected in 1922, died at his home in Hampton, Iowa, December 5, 1927, aged 81 years. He enlisted May 2, 1864, in Company F, One Hundred and Forty-second Illinois Infantry, and later reenlisted in the One Hundred and Fifty-third Illinois Infantry, and was discharged as sergeant September 21, 1866.

## INDIANA

Comrade Jacob H. Eppler, past chaplain in chief, elected in 1922, died at his home in Gary, Ind., December 6, 1927. He enlisted August 31, 1861, in Company B, Eleventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged May 15, 1865, on account of blindness.

## KANSAS

Comrade Ira F. Collins, past department commander, elected in 1890, died in Long Beach, Calif., November 8, 1927, aged 84 years. He enlisted in Virginia, Ill., August 15, 1862, as private in Company D, One Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois Infantry, was wounded at Battle of Brice's Cross Roads near Guntown, Miss., June 10, 1864, and taken prisoner; discharged July 22, 1865.

## MICHIGAN

Comrade E. B. Fenton, past junior vice commander in chief, elected in 1906, died at his home in Evanston, Ill., November 19, 1927, aged 88 years. He was past commander of Detroit Post No. 384, Detroit, Mich., where he always retained his membership. He enlisted as private in the Twentieth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, was promoted to second lieutenant and discharged for disability from wounds received in action. Comrade Fenton served as captain in the Spanish War.

Dr. James R. Stephenson, past department commander, elected in 1926, died at his home in Grand Rapids, Mich., October 14, 1927, aged 80 years. He enlisted June 28, 1863, as private in Company C, Fifty-fifth Pennsylvania Emergency Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged October 1, 1863, by reason of muster out of the regiment.

## MINNESOTA

Comrade Daniel J. Dodge, assistant adjutant general since 1921, died at his home in Minneapolis, Minn., January 26, 1928, aged 83 years. He enlisted in 1862 in Company C, Third Minnesota Cavalry, and served until the close of the war.

Comrade Elwin Z. Rasey, past department commander, elected in 1922, died at his home in St. James, Minn., September 19, 1927, aged 82 years. He enlisted August 1, 1862, in Company H, Thirty-second Wisconsin Infantry, and served until the close of the war.

Comrade Thomas H. Crever, junior vice department commander, died at his home in Worthington, Minn., November 15, 1927, aged 80 years. He enlisted at the age of 16 in Company B, Eleventh Maryland Volunteer Infantry and served until the close of the war.

## MISSOURI

Comrade Phil F. Coghlan, past department commander, elected in 1918, died at his home in St. Louis, Mo., October 30, 1927, aged 94 years. He was mustered in as second lieutenant of Company G, Fortieth Missouri Infantry, September 3, 1864, and was mustered out with his regiment August 5, 1865.



## NEBRASKA

Comrade Harmon Bross, assistant adjutant general and past department commander, elected in 1904, died at his home in Lincoln, Nebr., January 8, 1928, aged 92 years. In 1862, while pastor at Somerset, Mich., he assisted in raising Company G of the Eighteenth Michigan Infantry and as second lieutenant served with the company until compelled to resign because of ill health. He had served as assistant adjutant general since 1918.

## NEW JERSEY

Comrade Isaac Cole, member of the national council of administration from the Department of New Jersey, and past department commander, elected in 1921, died November 18, 1927. He served nine months in Company B, Thirty-first New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, and reenlisted August 26, 1864, as landsman, United States Navy, and was discharged June 26, 1865, as yeoman.

Comrade Adrian Appleget, past department commander, elected in 1911, died August 6, 1927. He enlisted July 10, 1863, as second lieutenant in Company C, Second New Jersey Cavalry, and was discharged September 15, 1865.

## PENNSYLVANIA

Comrade J. I. Shoemaker, past department commander, elected in 1923, died at his home in Wyoming, Pa., Tuesday, October 18, 1927, aged 90 years. He enlisted as a private in Company E, Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Emergency Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably discharged at expiration of his term of service.

Comrade H. H. Spayd, past department commander, elected in 1924, died October 20, 1927, aged 82 years, at Washington, D. C., while making an address at the dedication of the monument to Gen. George G. Meade. He enlisted as private in Company C, One hundred and forty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, August 19, 1862, and was discharged as sergeant June 24, 1865. He was wounded three times—once at the Battle of Gettysburg, where he was left on the field and taken prisoner, and twice during the Wilderness campaign.

## POTOMAC

Comrade John W. Reid, past department commander, elected in 1923, died at his home in Washington, D. C., October 30, 1927, aged 84 years. He enlisted in February, 1864, in the Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and was mustered out in July, 1865, as regimental hospital steward.

Comrade Newton Ferree, past department commander, elected in 1907, died at his home in Washington, D. C., February 20, 1928, aged 84 years. He helped to organize the One hundred and fifty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, later becoming lieutenant in Company C. In 1864, after serving his enlistment, he was employed in the War Department and later resigned to again enter the Army, where he served until the end of the war.

## RHODE ISLAND

Dr. Augustine A. Mann, past department commander, elected in 1917, died at his home in Central Falls, R. I., February 12, aged 91 years. He enlisted June 7, 1862, as lieutenant and assistant surgeon in the First Rhode Island Cavalry. At Middleburg, Va., June 18, 1863, he was taken prisoner by Stewart's Cavalry and was confined in Libby Prison until November 24, 1863. Comrade Mann was elected department commander in 1917.

## TENNESSEE

Comrade Ignaz Fanz, past department commander, elected in 1910, died at his home in Knoxville, Tenn., September 10, 1927, aged 85 years. He enlisted as orderly sergeant in the Sixth Tennessee Infantry in 1862, serving under Gen. Joseph A. Cooper, and remained in the service until the close of the war.

## UTAH

Comrade Frank H. Hall, past department commander, elected in 1912, died at the Soldiers' Home Hospital, Sawtelle, Calif., February 7, 1928. He enlisted October 30, 1862, as quartermaster sergeant, Fifty-fourth Indiana Infantry, and was discharged as first lieutenant, Company C of that regiment, December 8, 1863.

## TEXAS

Comrade Dexter L. Wagner, past department commander, elected in 1926, died at his home in Denison, Tex., January 10, 1928, aged 80 years. He enlisted in Company H, Forty-third Wisconsin Infantry, September 3, 1864, and was discharged at Nashville, Tenn., June 24, 1865.

## VERMONT

Comrade George P. Martin, past department commander, elected in 1915, and commandant of the Vermont Soldiers' Home for several years, died at his residence at the home, Bennington, Vt., July 10, 1927. His Army service was in Company A, Sixteenth New Hampshire, and Company B, Eighteenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry.

GENERAL ORDERS  
No. 4  
SERIES OF 1927-28 }

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
STATE CAPITOL,  
*Sacramento, Calif., April 14, 1928.*

## WE KEEP MEMORIAL DAY

(Kate B. Sherwood)

When the May has culled her flowers for the summer waiting long,  
And the breath of early roses woos the hedges into song,  
Comes the throb of martial music and the banners in the street,  
And the marching of the millions bearing garlands fair and sweet—  
'Tis the Sabbath of the Nation, 'tis the floral feast of May!  
In remembrance of our heroes we keep Memorial Day.

They are sleeping in the valleys, they are sleeping 'neath the sea,  
They are sleeping by the thousands till the royal reveille;  
Let us know them, let us name them, let us honor one and all,  
For they loved us and they saved us, springing at the bugle call;  
Let us sound the song and cymbal, wreath the immortelles and bay.  
In the fervor of thanksgiving, we keep Memorial Day.

I. In accordance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, Wednesday, May 30, will be observed as Memorial Day.

II. Let every grave of every comrade throughout our land be decorated, not only with flowers, but with the flag for whose preservation the boys in blue offered their lives. Let flowers be strewn upon the waters in memory of our sailor comrades, who rendered as valiant service upon the sea as did our soldier comrades upon the land.

III. As provided by the forty-fifth national encampment, on Memorial Day flags shall be placed at half mast until 12 o'clock noon, when bells shall be tolled for five minutes, during which time every comrade shall remain standing with uncovered head in tribute to those comrades who have answered the last roll call.

IV. The national encampment has directed that General Logan's Memorial Day orders and President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address shall be read as a part of the public services on Memorial Day:



## GENERAL LOGAN'S MEMORIAL DAY ORDER

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 11 }

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
Washington, D. C., May 5, 1868.

I. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains and their deaths a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided Republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon the Nation's gratitude—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the commander in chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By command of—

JOHN A. LOGAN, *Commander in Chief.*

N. P. CHIPMAN,  
*Adjutant General.*

## LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new Nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that Nation, or any nation, so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that Nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate, we can not consecrate, we can not hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased



devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion, that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this Nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that the Government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

V. Sunday, May 27, will be observed as Memorial Sunday. All posts are urged to attend Divine service on that day, inviting their auxiliary and allied organizations to accompany them.

VI. Post commanders are asked to detail comrades to visit the schools during the week preceding Memorial Day, at a time to be arranged by the school authorities. The children anticipate these visits with pleasure and are desirous of hearing incidents of the Civil War from the men who participated therein.

#### MOTHERS' DAY

"A mother's love is indeed the golden link that binds youth to age; and he is still but a child, however time may have furrowed his cheek or silvered his brow, who can yet recall, with softened heart, the fond devotion or the gentle chidings of the best friend that God ever gives us."

VII. The second Sunday in May has been observed for some years as Mothers' Day. To us, who have been participants and onlookers in the two wars since the Civil War, has come in these intervening years, a deeper knowledge of the sufferings and anxieties of our mothers during the dark days of 1861-1865. Let us then on Sunday, May 13, wear a white flower in memory of the mother who sacrificed so much for us.

#### THE FLAG OF OUR COUNTRY

She's up there—Old Glory—she's waving o'erhead;  
 She dazzles the nations with ripples of red,  
 And she'll wave for us living, or droop o'er us dead—  
 She's the flag of our country forever!  
 She's up there—Old Glory—no tyrant-dealt scars,  
 Nor blur on her brightness—no stain on her stars;  
 The brave blood of heroes hath crimsoned her bars—  
 She's the flag of our country forever!

VIII. Let us, who kept Old Glory "up there," when others strove to tear it down, celebrate Thursday, June 14, in a fitting manner. Posts, in conjunction with their auxiliary and allied orders, are directed to hold patriotic exercises on that day, inviting the general public to participate.

IX. The commander of the Department of Missouri, having appointed Comrade A. Whipple, St. Louis, Mo., a member of the national council of administration, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Comrade Samuel D. Webster, the appointment is hereby confirmed.

X. The commander of the Department of New Jersey has appointed Comrade W. O. Allen, Newark, N. J., a member of the national council of administration, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Comrade Isaac Cole, and the appointment is hereby confirmed.

(Note: Through an error at national headquarters. Paragraph IX, General Orders, No. 3, announced the appointment of Comrade Goodrich as a member of the national council of administration, vice Comrade Isaac Cole, deceased. Comrade Goodrich was elected a member of the department council of administration, vice Comrade Cole.)

XI. The following committees are appointed to prepare resolutions:

On the death of Past Commander in Chief James Tanner: Past Commander in Chief Lewis S. Pilcher, Past Commander in Chief Louis F. Arensberg, and Past Quartermaster General Frank Battles.

On the death of Past Commander in Chief Washington Gardner: Past Commander in Chief Ell Torrance, Past Commander in Chief J. W. Willett, and Past Senior Vice Commander in Chief Oscar A. Janes.

XII. The following comrades, having complied with the necessary requirements, are hereby appointed aides-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief:



After his recovery, Comrade Gardner entered school at Berea, Ohio, later going for one year to Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich., then to Ohio Wesleyan College, Delaware, Ohio, where he received the degrees of bachelor of arts and master of arts. He graduated at the head of his class from the Albany Law School, Albany, N. Y., and practiced law for some time at Grand Rapids, Mich. He then entered Boston University Theological School, completing the 3-year course and held important pastorates in Detroit and Jackson, Mich., and in Cincinnati, Ohio. From 1889 to 1894 he was professor at Albion College, Albion, Mich., which bestowed on him the degree of doctor of laws.



The Governor of Michigan in 1894 appointed him secretary of state to fill a vacancy, and he was later elected for two full terms, filling the office for more than five years. Following this, he was elected to Congress and represented his district at Washington for 12 years. In 1921 he was appointed Commissioner of Pensions, retiring in 1925 because of injuries received in an automobile accident.

In 1888 Comrade Gardner was elected commander of the Department of Michigan and in 1913 was elected commander in chief at Chattanooga, Tenn. Previous to his election he had served many times on the Committee on Pensions and for some years after his retirement from the office of commander in chief he was chairman of the committee on legislation, using all his influence, which was the greater because of his previous service in Congress, to secure an increase in pensions for the veterans and their widows. It was through his efforts that Congress passed the bill providing for the printing of the journal of the national encampments by the Government Printing Office. In latter years he suffered greatly from the effects of the wound received in 1864, and because of this and on account of his fast failing eyesight he has not taken a prominent part in our deliberations for the past two years.

Comrade Gardner had been a member of the national advisory board of the American Red Cross, president of the Michigan Children's Aid Society and the National Children's Aid Society. He was known throughout the country as a lecturer and was the author of A History of Calhoun County. Last February, Albion dedicated its new half-million dollar high school as the Washington Gardner High School, in honor of "Albion's most distinguished citizen."

To few men have been given the ability and the opportunity to fill with success and honor so many activities in life, as has been given to Washington Gardner, soldier, lawyer, minister of the gospel, college professor, orator, and statesman, but of all the honors paid him he once said: "No honor which has come to me has meant so much as that of being elected by my comrades to the office of commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic."

Broadminded, always desirous of knowing both sides of the question before making a decision, ever the courteous gentleman, he exerted a wide influence in the deliberations of our national encampment. "We shall meet, but we shall miss him."

#### KENTUCKY

Comrade C. C. Furr, past department commander, elected in 1924, died at his home in Frankfort, Ky., February 4, 1928. He enlisted October 1, 1861, as corporal in Company G, Twenty-first Kentucky Volunteer Infantry; reenlisted as sergeant in the same company and regiment, January 4, 1864, and was discharged September 27, 1865.

Comrade E. F. Tucker, past department commander, elected in 1921, died at his home in Greensburg, Ky., February 11, 1928. He enlisted September 20, 1861, as second sergeant in the Thirteenth Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, was later promoted to captain and was discharged at the close of the war.

#### MARYLAND

Comrade George F. Wheeler, past department commander, elected in 1889, died at the National Soldiers' Home, California, February 23, 1922, notice of his death having just been received by his department, which has kept him in good standing. He served as captain in the Seventh Illinois Artillery.

#### MINNESOTA

Comrade Gideon S. Ives, past department commander, elected in 1900, died in January, 1928. No record of his service has been given.

Comrade E. B. Wood, past department commander, elected in 1897, died January 13, 1928. No record of his service has been given.

Comrade Charles H. Hopkins, past department commander, elected in 1914, died at his home in Fairfax, Minn., March 9, 1928, aged 83 years. He served in the Thirteenth Wisconsin Light Artillery.

#### MISSOURI

Comrade Samuel D. Webster, member of the national council of administration and past department commander, elected in 1920, died in St. Louis, Mo., February 29, 1928, aged 82 years. A native of Virginia, he enlisted in the Thirteenth Massachusetts Infantry, was later transferred to the Thirty-ninth



Massachusetts Infantry, and was discharged February 28, 1865. At the time of his death, Comrade Webster was serving as president of the Board of Managers of the Missouri State Soldiers' Home.

## NEW JERSEY

Comrade Samuel G. Garretson, past department commander, elected in 1914, died March 2, 1928. He enlisted in August, 1862, as private in Company I, Twenty-eighth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry and was discharged June 30, 1863.

## NEW YORK

Comrade George W. Flynn, department commander, died at his home in Buffalo, N. Y., February 15, 1928, aged 85 years. He enlisted November 2, 1861, in Company F, Eighty-fifth New York Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged July 27, 1865. He was captured in action at Plymouth, N. C., April 20, 1864, and held prisoner for some time. Comrade Flynn was elected commander of the department June 9, 1927.

## TEXAS

Comrade William H. Blake, past department commander, elected in 1923, died at his home in Houston, Tex., March 29, 1928. He enlisted January 4, 1864, in the Seventy-seventh Indiana Infantry, was transferred to the Fourth Indiana Cavalry, and was discharged June 29, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS  
No. 5  
SERIES OF 1927-28

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
STATE CAPITOL,  
*Sacramento, Calif., August 1, 1928.*

I. As previously announced in general orders, the sixty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Denver, Colo., September 16-22, 1928.

II. National headquarters will be temporarily established on the mezzanine floor, Brown Palace Hotel, Friday, September 14.

III. Detailed program of meetings and entertainment may be secured from the local committee on arrival in Denver.

IV. The Denver encampment committee has requested us to announce that there are more than 300 good hotels in Denver and all who wish rooms should write to the committee on hotels and accommodations, 505 Seventeenth Street, Denver, Colo., stating the price they wish to pay and reservations will be made accordingly.

V. The hotels in Denver state that many for whom rooms have been reserved have not written confirming the reservations. All who have not written the hotels accepting the assignments made are urged to write at once confirming the reservations and stating approximate time of arrival, or the hotels will feel free to reassign the rooms.

VI. Special patriotic services will be held in all the churches in Denver, Sunday, September 16, to which all comrades and members of the auxiliary and allied orders are cordially invited.

VII. Department chaplains and such other officers and past officers as desire or are willing to be assigned as speakers at the churches on Sunday, September 16, are requested to write to Chaplain in Chief J. King Gibson, stating whether they will be available for morning or evening services.

VIII. The annual meeting of the federated patriotic societies, allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, will be held Sunday, September 16, at 4 p. m., in the Brown Palace Hotel, following which the annual banquet will be held.

IX. The executive committee of the national council of administration will meet at national headquarters, Monday, September 17, at 2.30 p. m.

X. The national council of administration will meet at national headquarters, Monday, September 17, at 3 p. m.

XI. The semiofficial meeting will be held Monday evening, September 17, at 8 p. m., in the auditorium.

XII. The following comrades are appointed committee on credentials:

William H. Noll, adjutant general, chairman.

Albert J. Ball, Indiana.



Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Massachusetts.

Walter S. Tully, New Jersey.

M. H. Davidson, Kentucky.

This committee will meet at national headquarters, Monday, September 17, at 10 a. m., and Tuesday, September 18, at 10 a. m.

XIII. Assistant adjutants general are requested to procure at national headquarters a copy of the roll of the encampment prior to the meeting of the credentials committee and correct any errors which may appear, before the meeting of the committee.

XIV. Comrade William P. Wright, Illinois, W. S. Hambright, Pennsylvania, and Silas H. Towler, Minnesota, members of the national council of administration, will audit the books of the quartermaster general and will render a report to the national council of administration at its meeting on Monday.

XV. Department commanders, or a representative, will report to the chief of staff on the mezzanine floor, Brown Palace Hotel, Tuesday, September 18, at 4 p. m., for instructions regarding the parade.

XVI. Aides-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief will report to the chief of staff on the mezzanine floor of the Brown Palace Hotel, Tuesday, September 18, at 5 p. m.

XVII. The parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place Wednesday, September 19, at 10 o'clock. The route and formation of the parade will be announced in later general orders.

XVIII. The following comrades are hereby detailed as color bearers:

National color bearer, Abram E. Cohn, Post No. 2, San Francisco, Calif.

Naval color bearer, David King, Post No. 15, Boston, Mass.

Headquarters Color Bearer, John Little, Post No. 157, Pittsburgh, Pa.

XIX. The first business session of the sixty-second National Encampment will convene in the Denver Municipal Auditorium, Wednesday, September 19, at 2:30 p. m.

XX. Department commanders will report to the adjutant general not later than 9 p. m., Tuesday, September 18, the names of their representative on the committee on resolutions and their nominee for the national council of administration.

XXI. The following comrades are appointed members of the committee on rules and regulations:

James W. Willett, Iowa, chairman.

Frank R. Chase, Michigan.

Charles H. Haskins, California and Nevada.

Oscar Smith, New York.

James C. Shields, Idaho.

XXII. The following amendment to the rules and regulations has been submitted by the Department of Kansas:

Chapter IV, Article II, section 1, amended by adding the words "Past surgeons general and past chaplains in chief," making it read:

"The national encampment shall be composed of the commander in chief, past commanders in chief, past vice commanders in chief, past surgeons general and past chaplains in chief."

XXIII. Hon. Winfield Scott, Commissioner of Pensions, with assistants from the Pension Bureau, will be located in national headquarters, Brown Palace Hotel, during the national encampment. All comrades and any who wish information or assistance in securing pensions are invited to visit national headquarters, where Commissioner Scott and his clerks will be glad to assist them.

XXIV. Department commanders are requested to notify the adjutant general immediately on receipt of these orders of the probable time of arrival of their respective departments and location of department headquarters in Denver.

XXV. The national headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic and its auxiliary and allied organizations will be located in Denver as follows:

Brown Palace Hotel: Grand Army of the Republic, Army Nurses of the Civil War, Woman's Relief Corps.

Shirley-Savoy Hotel: Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Cosmopolitan Hotel: Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

XXVI. The following comrades, having complied with the necessary requirements, are hereby appointed aides-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief:



Name	Post	Address	Name	Post	Address
CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA			OHIO—continued		
Baker, Samuel N.....	55	Los Angeles.	Day, Joseph A.....	359	E. Cleveland.
Brantley, Robert L.....	192	Napa.	Ellis, John R.....	71	Newark.
Chamberlain, P. P.....	72	Redwood City.	Fry, George W.....	162	Chillicothe.
Clark, George W.....	92	Fresno.	Nelson, John A.....	451	Columbus.
Curtis, G. K.....	75	Red Bluff.	Stipe, Frank G.....	12	Akron.
Drummond, John.....	9	Modesto.	OKLAHOMA		
Eskridge, J. H.....	202	Monrovia.	Emerson, H.....	19	Enid.
Fletcher, A. G.....	69	Reno, Nev.	OREGON		
Ford, James A.....	200	Los Angeles.	Barber, John G.....	12	Portland.
Graham, William.....	200	Los Angeles.	Eastman, William.....	1	Do.
Hill, S. T.....	203	Redondo Beach.	Dority, C. M.....	48	San Diego, Calif.
Holden, George A.....	106	Los Angeles.	Emerson, Eugene H.....	39	Grants Pass.
Horsman, Henry C.....	190	Dinuba.	Endicott, S. S.....	53	Myrtle Point.
Palmer, L. B.....	181	Long Beach.	Fryer, Thos. J.....	64	Independence.
Renouf, J. W.....	198	Inglewood.	Kellogg, T. M.....	12	Portland.
Rouse, James H.....	170	Glendale.	Moore, Frank.....	2	Oregon City.
Snyder, B. F.....	193	Selma.	Moore, M. L.....	29	Roseburg.
Toland, James S.....	106	Los Angeles.	Oliver, J. W.....	36	La Grande.
Venard, Sylvester.....	127	Bakersfield.	Patterson, J. M.....	32	The Dalles.
Wolcott, Darwin B.....	55	Los Angeles.	Peake, R. F.....	1	Portland.
COLORADO AND WYOMING			Washburn, L. C.....	9	McMinnville.
Condit, E. C.....	46	Denver.	Wentz, Augustus.....	22	Portland.
Moses, W. E.....	14	Do.	POTOMAC		
Story, Alexander M.....	4	Do.	Bricker, Samuel.....	3	Washington, D. C.
Wilson, William.....	4	Do.	Clark, John.....	3	Do.
Woods, Mathew.....	4	Do.	Dorsey, Wm. F.....	2	Do.
ILLINOIS			Kunsman, Geo. H.....	3	Do.
Davidson, H. B.....	30	Springfield.	WASHINGTON AND ALASKA		
Dilks, John W.....	30	Do.	Alexander, F. A.....	24	Bellingham.
Jones, Elijah.....	30	Do.	Baker, W. J.....	89	Everett.
Rucker, George K.....	30	Chatham.	Brown, Roscoe G.....	6	Tacoma.
Stone, James A.....	30	Springfield.	Coley, Theodore F.....	1	Seattle.
Underfanger, John.....	30	Do.	Land, William.....	6	Tacoma.
IOWA			Richardson, Willis.....	24	Bellingham.
Leitch, James.....	22	Sioux City.	Thornton, George.....	9	Yakima.
KANSAS			WISCONSIN		
Wingrove, Charles.....	88	Clay Center.	Bartell, John D.....	1	Milwaukee.
MICHIGAN			Barth, Peter.....	1	Do.
Schmidt, John.....	38	Saginaw.	Bryant, W. P.....	1	Do.
MINNESOTA			Dewrose, John W.....	1	Do.
Danforth, Jacob.....	4	Minneapolis.	Dow, A. H.....	1	Do.
MONTANA			Eichfeld, Henry E.....	1	Do.
Adams, Charles E.....	10	Three Forks.	Ellis, William H.....	1	Do.
Bird, Henry.....	10	Bozeman.	Gandrey, Fred.....	1	Do.
Hauswirth, Simon.....	2	Butte.	Hackendahl, Paul.....	1	Do.
NEW HAMPSHIRE			Hambright, Chas. M.....	1	Do.
Paul, Henry S.....	1	Portsmouth.	Hanchett, J. D.....	133	Appleton.
NEW YORK			Hannaford, Geo. A.....	1	Milwaukee.
Eldridge, George C.....	4	Dumont, N. J.	Hellweg, John H.....	260	Hayward.
OHIO			Howieson, W. H.....	68	Chippewa Falls.
Brown, James D.....	451	Columbus.	Hubbart, Alfred.....	1	Milwaukee.
Cartwright, S. L.....	230	Waynesville.	Lang, Charles H.....	11	Madison.
Clodfelter, Fred.....	133	Wooster.	Luick, John.....	1	Milwaukee.
			Niland, Thomas.....	1	Do.
			Pellant, Frank.....	1	Do.
			Quigley, Arthur.....	1	Do.
			Sampson, Lloyd D.....	1	Do.
			Spink, Richard A.....	10	Oshkosh.
			Thompson, K. L.....	11	Madison.
			Turner, Joseph.....	1	Milwaukee.
			Van Horn, Milo.....	1	Do.
			Westernhagen, Erich.....	1	Do.
			Wilder, E. H.....	133	Appleton.

By command of—

WILLIAM H. NOLL,  
Adjutant General.

ELBRIDGE L. HAWK,  
Commander in chief.

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IN MEMORIAM

Comrade Walter L. Funk, inspector general, died at his home in Grand Rapids, Mich., June 12, 1928. He enlisted as a private in Company A, Fourth Michigan Volunteer Infantry, July 25, 1864, and was discharged June 1, 1865. Comrade Funk was appointed senior aide-de-camp on the staff of Commander in Chief John B. Inman in 1925, and it is largely due to his untiring efforts that the national encampments held in Grand Rapids in 1925 and in 1927 were so successful.

## CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

Comrade E. T. Langley, past commander of the Department of South Dakota, died at his home in Santa Ana, Calif., April 16, 1928. He served during the war in Company H, Fourteenth Iowa Infantry. Comrade Langley was elected department commander in 1890 and soon after the close of his term transferred to the Department of California and Nevada.

Dr. C. S. Stoddard, past department commander, elected in 1925, died at his home in Santa Barbara, Calif., May 18, 1928, aged 81 years. He enlisted July 30, 1864, in Company F, Second Minnesota Cavalry and was discharged May 11, 1865. Doctor Stoddard had just retired from the office of department judge advocate.

## COLORADO AND WYOMING

Comrade C. M. Bills, past department commander, elected in 1919, died at his home in Denver, Colo., February 15, 1928, aged 83 years. He enlisted August 15, 1862, in Company E, Thirty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, became orderly on the staff of General Routt and later chief of staff, Third Brigade, Fourth Division, Fifteenth Army Corps, and was mustered out June 20, 1865.

Rev. Cyrus A. Brooks, past department commander, elected in 1913, died in Denver, Colo., March 27, 1928, aged 86 years. He enlisted as private in Company F, First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, May 23, 1861, and was discharged August 19, 1865. Comrade Brooks was appointed national patriotic instructor on the staff of Commander in Chief David J. Palmer in 1914 and was department chaplain at the time of his death.

## DELAWARE

Comrade Jesse Hellings, past department commander, elected in 1927, died at his home in Willow Grove, Pa., April 14, 1928. No record of his service has been furnished.

Comrade Charles R. Lewis, past department commander, elected in 1924, died at his home in Bridgeville, Del., April 15, 1928. No record of his service has been furnished.

## FLORIDA

Comrade James F. Bullard, past department commander, elected in 1915, died at his home in St. Cloud, Fla., January 25, 1928, aged 82 years. Comrade Bullard served for 2 years and 11 months in the Fourth Michigan Volunteer Infantry and was discharged at the close of the war.

## IOWA

Dr. R. L. Chase, past department commander, elected in 1920, died at his home in Des Moines, Iowa, January 2, 1928, aged 81 years. He enlisted at the age of 17 years in the Third New York Cavalry and served until the end of the war. After practicing dentistry for some time, Comrade Chase served as adjutant general of the State of Iowa and later as document librarian in the office of the secretary of state. He was appointed senior aide-de-camp on the staff of Commander in Chief Lewis S. Pilcher in 1921 and assistant adjutant general on the staff of Commander in Chief John B. Inman in 1925 and it was because of his enthusiastic efforts that the national encampments of 1922 and 1926 were so wonderfully entertained in Des Moines.



Comrade J. L. Farrington, member of the national council of administration and past department commander, elected in 1917, died at his summer home, Birchwood, Wis., July 17, 1928, aged 80 years. He enlisted in August, 1862, in Company B, One hundred and twenty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war.

## MICHIGAN

Comrade Lucius H. Ives, past department commander, elected in 1916, died at his home in Mason, Mich., May 2, 1928. He enlisted in Company B, Twenty-sixth Michigan Volunteer Infantry, at its organization and was commissioned second lieutenant, August 22, 1862, promoted to first lieutenant, February 7, 1863, and to captain, April 26, 1864. He was commissioned major, March 7, 1865 and was mustered out June 4, 1865.

## MINNESOTA

Comrade Isaac L. Mahan, past department commander, elected in 1903, died at his home in St. Paul, Minn., June 17, 1928, aged 87 years. Comrade Mahan enlisted in the eleventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry in April, 1861, and served successively as quartermaster in the Seventy-eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, post quartermaster at Henderson, Ky., first lieutenant Company F, One hundred and fifteenth Indiana Infantry, captain Company C, One hundred and thirty-third Indiana Infantry, and was discharged at the close of the war. He was serving his thirty-sixth year as librarian of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at the time of his death.

## MISSOURI

Comrade James H. Hunter, past department commander, elected in 1922, died at his home in Jackson, Tenn., March 14, 1928, aged 88 years. He enlisted December 16, 1864, in Company C, Eighty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, later transferred to Company F, Twenty-first Illinois Infantry and was discharged December 16, 1865.

## NEW YORK

Comrade William M. Chatham, commander of the Department of New York, died at his home at Albany, N. Y., May 20, 1928, aged 82 years. He enlisted as a drummer in Company H, One hundred and thirty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, August 7, 1862, and was discharged June 18, 1863. Comrade Chatham, elected senior vice department commander in June, 1927, was advanced to the office of department commander on the death of Department Commander George W. Flynn, February 15, 1928.

Comrade Joseph W. Kay, past department commander, elected in 1899, died at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., May 14, 1928, aged 84 years. He enlisted in Company A, Tenth New York Volunteer Infantry, September 22, 1862, was wounded at Cold Harbor, Va., and was mustered out July 1, 1865.

Comrade C. W. Cowtan, past senior vice department commander, elected in 1886, died at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., May 10, 1928, aged 86 years. He enlisted April 26, 1861, in Company A, Tenth New York Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out June 30, 1865, as first lieutenant of Company K. He was adjutant of the Tenth New York Infantry at Appomattox and was brevetted major for heroic action.

## OHIO

Comrade Thomas R. Shinn, past department commander, elected in 1899, died at his home in Ashland, Ohio, February 2, 1927. He enlisted as corporal in Company H, One hundred and thirty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, May 2, 1864, and was discharged September 1, 1864.

Dr. Arthur C. Yengling, past department commander, elected in 1903, died at his home in Salem, Ohio, November 23, 1927, aged 81 years. He enlisted as private in Company D, One hundred and forty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, May 2, 1864, and was mustered out October 13, 1864. Comrade Yengling had served several terms as commander of his post and two terms as department medical director.



Comrade Daniel S. Wilder, past department commander, elected in 1923, died at his home in Columbus, Ohio, January 23, 1928, aged 83 years. He enlisted October 19, 1861, as a private in Company F, Eighteenth United States Infantry and was discharged May 13, 1865, as sergeant of Company E, Eighteenth United States Infantry. Comrade Wilder spent 17 months in Libby and Andersonville prisons and had been elected for two terms as commander in chief of the Union Ex-Prisoners of War.

Comrade Merrick J. Sloan, past department commander, elected in 1921, died at his home in Warren, Ohio, January 24, 1928, aged 83 years. He enlisted as a private in Company G, Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, June 20, 1863, and was mustered out with his company, February 10, 1864. He enlisted August 24, 1864, as corporal in Company G, One hundred and seventy-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged June 25, 1865. Comrade Sloan had served several terms as department judge advocate and also as a member of the department council of administration.

Comrade David F. Pugh, past department commander, elected in 1898, died at his home in Columbus, Ohio, March 23, 1928, aged 82 years. He enlisted as private in Company C, Forty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, October 18, 1861, was promoted to sergeant, June 1, 1865, and was discharged July 22, 1865. Comrade Pugh had served on the department council of administration and also as department judge advocate many times and was judge of the Franklin County court of common pleas from 1886 to 1897.

#### OREGON

Comrade H. H. Northup, past department commander, elected in 1892, died at his home in Portland, Oreg., September 9, 1927. He served during the war in Company C, First Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and in Company C, Forty-ninth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, having been mustered in April 23, 1861, and discharged September 3, 1863.

Comrade J. L. Crow, past department commander, died at his home in Hillsboro, Oreg., October 10, 1927. He enlisted as a private in Company H, Twenty-fifth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, January 4, 1864, and was discharged July 17, 1865. Comrade Crow was elected senior vice department commander in 1924 and became department commander on the death of Department Commander Henry Dosch, who died February 7, 1925.

Comrade Samuel F. Blythe, past department commander, elected in 1907, died at his home in Hood River, Oreg., May 20, 1928. He enlisted September 6, 1861, in Company E, Twenty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged November 18, 1864; reenlisted in Second Regiment, Hancock's Veterans Corps, and was discharged February 24, 1866.

#### PENNSYLVANIA

Comrade Charles Miller, past department commander, elected in 1900, died at his home in Franklin, Pa., December 20, 1927, aged 84 years. He served throughout the war in Company A, Seventy-fourth New York Volunteer Infantry. Comrade Miller had been commander of Post No. 220 since 1894.

Comrade Noah Dietrich, past department commander, elected in 1917, died at his home in Easton, Pa., April 5, 1928. He enlisted October 10, 1862, as a private in Company E, One hundred and fifty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged July 23, 1863; reenlisted in Company B, One hundred and ninety-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged November 17, 1864. Comrade Dietrich had been commander of Post No. 217 for 21 years, was a member of the board of trustees of the Pennsylvania Soldiers' Home, and also a member of the Easton City Council at the time of his death.

#### RHODE ISLAND

Comrade Christopher H. Carpenter, department commander, died at his home in Providence, R. I., June 14, 1928, aged 83 years. He enlisted as a private in Battery D, First Rhode Island Light Artillery, and was discharged September 3, 1864. Comrade Carpenter was elected department commander in April, 1927, and was reelected in April, 1928. He was chaplain of Post No. 1 and a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



## SOUTH DAKOTA

Comrade H. P. Smith, past department commander, elected in 1924, died at his home in Madison, S. Dak., January 11, 1928, aged 90 years. He served for three years in the regiment known as Berdan's Sharpshooters.

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 INFORMATION WANTED

The Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., Newark, N. J., wishes information concerning the whereabouts of James E. Brown, or his heirs. When he insured with the company on October 26, 1867, he was a resident of Scranton, Pa., and was born in Michigan City, Ind. He stated he had been in military service from 1862 to 1865, that his parents were dead, but he had one sister living, and he gave the name of a friend, T. F. Hunt, of Scranton, Pa., who stated he had known Brown for two years. Anyone who can furnish any information about Brown is requested to write J. Lawrence Boggs, supervisor of claims, the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., Newark, N. J.

Information is wanted as to anyone who knew C. H. Ketchum or Aaron Mitchell, who enlisted at Tariffville, Conn., in January or February, 1863, in Company D, Twenty-ninth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded at Chattanooga—leg shattered by shrapnel—and was honorably discharged at New York. Anyone knowing him by either name will please communicate with national headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic, or Leonard Goodwin, Orland, Calif.

GENERAL ORDERS }  
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TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 BROWN PALACE HOTEL,  
*Denver, Colo., September 14, 1928.*

I. As previously announced in General Orders, No. 5, the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic at the Sixty-second National Encampment will take place at Denver, Colo., Wednesday, September 19, 1928, at 10 a. m.

II. The parade will be organized by departments, each department under the command of the senior officer of the department present at the encampment. Departments will be assigned to a position in line in order of seniority of date of charter and will form in columns of four files front. Each department will promptly take up the line of march as uncovered. Distance between departments will be 60 feet; between posts, 20 feet; and between files, 6 feet, which distance must be maintained throughout the march.

III. The column will form promptly at 9.15 a. m. and move at 10 a. m. sharp.

IV. The formation of the parade will be reported at 9.45 a. m. by George A. Hosley, chief of staff to the commander in chief.

V. A preparatory gun will be fired at 9.45 a. m. Another fired at 10 a. m. will be the signal to march.

VI. Department commanders will carefully oversee the formation of their respective departments and will close up to the left of the department on the right, but on the march will maintain a distance of 60 feet between departments. Markers will be placed, designating the place of formation of each department. The guide will be right throughout the march.

VII. Department commanders must not leave the column after passing the reviewing stand, but will continue the march with their departments to the place of dismissal of the column. No organization will be allowed to leave the column until regularly dismissed.

VIII. In passing the reviewing stand colors will be dipped at six paces from the reviewing officer and will be maintained at salute until six paces beyond him. Officers with side arms will give the officer salute with the sword. Officers without side arms will salute by touching the right hand to the brim of the hat, and looking toward the reviewing officer. Comrades in ranks will not salute but will turn their eyes toward the reviewing officer.

IX. Bands and drum corps will take the time of the preceding musical organization, so that the marching column may maintain the same step. All bands will play in passing the entire length of the reviewing stand.



X. The march will be in common time, the cadence 90 steps to the minute. Bands marching in close proximity will alternate in playing.

XI. The commander in chief will review the column at the reviewing stand.

XII. It is desired that every member of the Grand Army of the Republic present at Denver will make an effort to participate in the parade, whether he has a uniform or not, but it is hoped that all will make an effort to appear in uniform (regulation) of the order.

XIII. Women, children, and civilians will be prohibited from participating in the parade, and department commanders are directed to enforce this order in their respective departments.

XIV. No flags or standards, except the National and State flags and department and post flags and standards, will be allowed in the parade. Regimental flags or banners will not be allowed. No flags will be allowed in the parade except those flying from the staff.

XV. All caricatures and undignified exhibitions of any kind whatsoever will be excluded from the parade.

XVI. National officers and past commanders in chief will ride in automobiles at the head of the column in advance of the national aides-de-camp. Automobiles or carriages will not be allowed in the parade column in or between the departments. Automobiles will be furnished for comrades who are unable to march, and these automobiles will be found on Eighteenth Street, south of Stout Street.

XVII. When the column reaches the corner the commander in chief and all other national officers and past commanders in chief will leave the parade and take their places on the reviewing stand. Their automobiles will continue on, turning right on Court Place, and wait until the parade passes. Then they will return to the reviewing stand and the commander in chief and all national officers and past commanders in chief will take their places in their respective automobiles and return to the Brown Palace Hotel.

XVIII. Aides-de-camp to the commander in chief will report to the senior aide-de-camp, John W. Cox, at 9 a. m. at corner of Nineteenth and Stout Streets.

XIX. Department commanders will report to chief of staff, George A. Hosley, at headquarters room, Brown Palace Hotel, Tuesday, September 18 at 4 p. m.

XX. National aides will report at the same place at 5 p. m.

XXI. National officers, members of the executive committee, and past commanders in chief will report to the chief of staff at the Brown Palace Hotel at 9 a. m. on day of parade for assignment to automobiles.

XXII. The line of march will be seven-eighths of a mile in length, over asphalt streets, as follows:

Assemble at Federal Building, Nineteenth and Stout Streets, thence on Stout Street to Seventeenth Street; on Seventeenth Street to Arapahoe Street; on Arapahoe Street to Sixteenth Street; on Sixteenth Street past reviewing stand to Court Place.

The line of march will form, as follows:

(a) Platoon of mounted police under command of Captain Merritt will form across Stout Street, just west of Eighteenth Street.

(b) Band will form on Nineteenth Street, north of Stout Street.

(c) R. O. T. C. unit, with massed flags, will form on Nineteenth Street, north of Stout Street, following the band.

(d) The sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will form on Nineteenth Street, south of Stout Street, with right resting on Stout Street.

(e) The commander in chief, national officers, executive committee, and past commanders in chief in automobiles will form on Nineteenth Street, south of Stout Street, right resting on Sons of Union Veterans.

(f) National aides-de-camp will form on Nineteenth Street, south of Stout Street, right resting on automobiles of national officers.

The departments will form in order of seniority, as follows:

1. Department of Illinois, Chas. T. Marsh, commander, headed by the National Association of Civil War Musicians, B. F. Stowe, president, will form on east end of post office esplanade, north side of Stout Street.

2. Department of Wisconsin, G. H. Pounder, commander, will form on Post Office esplanade, north side of Stout Street, west of Department of Illinois.

3. Department of Pennsylvania, Geo. I. Rudolph, commander, will form on post office esplanade, north side of Stout Street, west of Department of Wisconsin.

4. Department of Ohio, John McClay, commander, will form on post office esplanade, north side of Stout Street, west of Department of Pennsylvania.



5. Department of New York, William Patton Griffith, commander, will form on post office esplanade, north side of Stout Street, west of Department of Ohio.
6. Department of Connecticut, Geo. T. Tucker, commander, will form on post office esplanade, north side of Stout Street, west of Department of New York.
7. Department of Massachusetts, Edwin J. Foster, commander, will form on post office esplanade, north side of Stout Street, west of Department of Connecticut.
8. Department of New Jersey, Chas. Hopper, commander, will form on post office esplanade, north side of Stout Street, west of Department of Massachusetts.
9. Department of Maine, Nelson R. Brown, commander, will form on post office esplanade, north side of Stout Street, west of Department of New York.
10. Department of California, and Nevada, H. H. Woodruff, commander, will form on post office esplanade, west of Department of Maine.
11. Department of Rhode Island, William Dunham, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Nineteenth Street.
12. Department of New Hampshire, Joseph Willis, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Department of Rhode Island.
13. Department of Vermont, Wm. H. Pierce, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Department of New Hampshire.
14. Department of Potomac, Wm. M. Bobb, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Department of Vermont.
15. Department of Virginia and North Carolina, Charles Grandy, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Department of Potomac.
16. Department of Maryland, George T. Leech, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Department of Virginia and North Carolina.
17. Department of Nebraska, H. V. Hoagland, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Department of Maryland.
18. Department of Michigan, Albert C. Estabrook, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Department of Nebraska.
19. Department of Iowa, J. W. Stratton, commander, will form on post office esplanade, west of California and Nevada.
20. Department of Indiana, W. F. Molyneux, commander, will form on post office esplanade, west of Department of Iowa.
22. Department of Kansas, H. I. Merrill, commander, will form on post office esplanade, west of Department of Indiana.
23. Department of Delaware, Charles S. Waters, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Department of Michigan.
24. Department of Minnesota, T. P. Garrett, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Department of Delaware.
25. Department of Missouri, John Ferguson, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Department of Minnesota.
26. Department of Oregon, William Clemmens, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Department of Missouri.
27. Department of Kentucky, Cyrus Edwards, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Department of Oregon.
28. Department of West Virginia, W. W. Riley, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Department of Kentucky.
29. Department of South Dakota, H. C. Smith, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Department of West Virginia.
30. Department of Washington and Alaska, Henry P. Burdick, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Department of West Virginia.
31. Department of Arkansas, Samuel Henderson, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Department of Washington and Alaska.
32. Department of New Mexico, J. W. Davis, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Department of Arkansas.
33. Department of Utah, William Smethers, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Department of New Mexico.
34. Department of Tennessee, J. G. Hoback, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Department of Utah.
35. Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, William Rochester, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Department of Tennessee.

36. Department of Florida, D. S. Hunter, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Department of Louisiana and Mississippi.

37. Department of Montana, William D. White, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Department of Florida.

38. Department of Texas, F. J. Yingling, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Department of Montana.

39. Department of Idaho, W. J. Neely, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Department of Texas.

41. Department of Georgia and South Carolina, Darius Nelson, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Department of Idaho.

42. Department of Alabama, William Rife, commander, will form on south side of Stout Street, right resting on Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

43. Department of North Dakota, R. M. Donnelly, commander, will form on post office esplanade, west of Department of Kansas.

44. Department of Oklahoma, R. L. Johnson, commander, will form on post office esplanade, west of Department of North Dakota.

21. Department of Colorado and Wyoming, Crocker Ricketts, commander (through point of courtesy, the Department of Colorado and Wyoming takes the extreme left of the line), will form on Eighteenth Street, north of Stout Street, right resting on Stout Street.

National Association of Naval Veterans, Joseph McCain, commodore commanding, will form on Eighteenth Street, north of Stout Street, following Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

Disabled Veterans, who are members of the Grand Army of the Republic, in automobiles, will form on Eighteenth Street, south of Stout Street.

Drafted by:

GEORGE A. HOSLEY,  
*Chief of Staff.*

By order of—

ELBRIDGE L. HAWK,  
*Commander in Chief.*

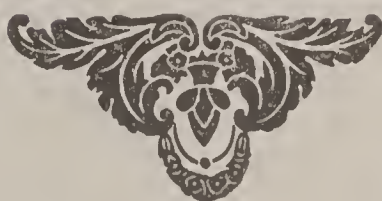
Attest:

WM. H. NOLL, *Adjutant General.*





# In Memoriam









JAMES TANNER  
Past Commander in Chief





WASHINGTON GARDNER  
Past Commander in Chief



# In Memoriam



## COMRADE JAMES TANNER

Upon a granite slab in one of the most beautiful sections of the National Cemetery at Arlington, Va., is the simple inscription: "James Tanner, Corporal Co. C. 87 New York Volunteer Infantry, 1844-1927." This marks the final resting place of the remains of a comrade of the Grand Army who, from its inception, had been a tower of strength in its councils, a leader in all its patriotic efforts, a noble character, upon whom had rested the highest esteem of a Nation as an illustrious example of the high quality of the men who devoted themselves to the preservation of the Union during the years that it was in danger. On the afternoon of October 5, 1927, with full military honors, the last meed of respect had been paid by his family, his comrades, and the Nation. The body had been borne to its last resting place by soldiers in the uniform of the Union for which he had fought. The flowers of memory had been laid upon his grave by comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic whom he loved, and finally, with a volley of resounding rifle fire, the grave received its own.

James Tanner was born April 4, 1844, in Richmondville, Schoharie County, N. Y. As a farmer's boy, he received the scant education afforded by his district school in which the mental power with which he was endowed showed itself so distinctly that already at the age of 17 he himself had become the master of the school.

His intellect, as yet crude and unformed, was profoundly stirred by the attack upon Fort Sumter that ushered in the armed assault upon the National Union in April, 1861. He at once offered himself as a volunteer and as such was enlisted in the Eighty-seventh New York Infantry. With that regiment he became a part of the Army of the Potomac and took part in the battles at Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, the Seven Days, Malvern Hill, and finally the second Battle of Bull Run.

There is no record of any special achievement or distinction during these first months. He had been a corporal in his company and with his regiment had joined the army of General Pope at Manassas when, upon the 30th of August, 1862, the fateful second Battle of Bull Run was fought. Stationed in a meadow



field the brigade was receiving the fire of an artillery barrage from the Confederate line, when, as the result of an exploding shell, the young corporal had his right foot severed from its leg and the left one so badly mangled that its removal was done at once upon the field, still under the fire of the enemy, by a young surgeon of a neighboring Michigan regiment who applied the necessary temporary dressings to his wounds. Without further dressings and with the rudest accommodations, 10 days of agony were passed in a tent that had been pitched in the yard of a near-by farm house while, from day to day, the advent of his death was awaited. At last, death having failed to stop for him, a parole was secured and his removal to a Federal hospital, the Fairfax Seminary Hospital in the outskirts of Alexandria, was accomplished. Slowly the recovery from his wounds took place and the return of the mutilated boy to his New York home closed his career as a soldier. Now began the education of James Tanner.

Undismayed by the tragic calamity which had overtaken him, he began to plan for the future. His very helplessness secured for him the sympathy and active assistance of powerful friends. As soon as his wounds had healed he returned to Washington as a clerk in the War Department; he studied stenography and as such he was summoned to the bedside of Lincoln as he lay dying and thus became one of the group that witnessed the final hours of the martyr President.

After a year in Washington he returned to New York State, studied law, was admitted to the bar, and entered upon its practice in Cobleskill, N. Y. Later he was appointed deputy collector of customs of the port of New York. He became a resident of the city of Brooklyn and for years was the receiver of taxes of that city. He was appointed Commissioner of Pensions in 1889 by President Harrison, but retained the position for less than a year, resigning on account of differences with the President as to the policy of his department. During the period from 1890 to 1904, he practiced law in the city of Washington. On the 1st of April, 1904, he was appointed by President Roosevelt Register of Wills of the District of Columbia, which position he held under successive administrations until the day of his death.

Early in his career he began to manifest a power of speech, a readiness of thought, a quickness of appreciation of the passing condition, that made him an eloquent and powerful speaker upon any subject that touched his heart. As a platform speaker he was unexcelled in his ability to command the judgment and stir the sympathies of an audience. This power as an orator, during the long after career of more than 50 years, was ever at the command of any subject which made for the good of his fellow men or the glory of his country. With it he coupled a

magnanimity and breadth of vision which enabled him to rise to a sympathy in great enterprises, to thoughts of high quality, and to forgetfulness of petty differences, to a degree shared by but few of the best of mortals. Animated by such a spirit, he became a potent factor in reuniting in bonds of peace and good will a divided country. To use the words of Mr. Justice Stafford, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, "No one did more than he to make the men who fought under different flags forget their differences and be one again in heart and soul." And yet he was every inch a patriot and devoted all his powers of mind and body, all his wisdom based on experience and reflection, to the welfare of his country and the good of his comrades. He was among the first to enroll himself in the membership of the Grand Army of the Republic when that was founded in 1866. In all the long succession of years until the close of life, he was intensely interested in the work of the Grand Army, and exerted an influence in its affairs of the highest value to its welfare. For 51 successive years he took part in its national encampments. For the two years, 1876 and 1877, he was commander of the Department of New York. In 1905 he was elected commander in chief. It was in this year that there fell upon him the second great calamity of his life. Early in his young manhood, notwithstanding his physical disability, he had gained the love of a woman of superior qualities of heart and mind who became his wife and by her influence and wisdom and tact contributed greatly to his success in life. Four children had blessed this union, and now at the summit of his successful career, while in the course of his duty journeying in the far West, accompanied by his wife, he was, in a moment, deprived of her companionship by a fatal accident. What greater calamity could befall any man? And yet he survived it, and sustained by the watchful care of his daughters he continued to carry on for nearly a quarter of a century longer.

Of the various interests which commanded his attention, certain ones were especially dear to his heart and his experiences in connection with each of them were often the subject of most interesting reminiscences, which in later years he occasionally indulged himself in when in the company of sympathetic companions.

One of the last things in which he was permitted to share, a few months preceding his death, was a conference of the national commanders of five great patriotic organizations, namely, the Grand Army of the Republic, the Veterans of the Spanish War, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, which met February 18, 1927, in the Capitol at Washington for the purpose of conferring upon the subject of national preparedness, national defenses and the reduction of armaments among the nations of



the world. James Tanner represented the Grand Army of the Republic at that meeting. In a subsequent report he stated that it was one of the most pleasant experiences of his Grand Army life, moved especially by the idea that the United States of America should be kept in the front rank of all the nations of the earth, equal to any emergency that might arise, able, through its Army and Navy, to command peace wherever the flag floated. The conclusion of the conference was marked by the adoption of a definition of true Americanism which may be considered as the final legacy left to his fellow citizens by the dying patriot, James Tanner. It is not difficult for those who have often sat spellbound listening to his eloquent words again to hear in the clear and appealing tones of his penetrating voice this definition: "Americanism is an unfailing love of country, its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies, undivided allegiance to the flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity."

In the evening of the day of that meeting there was a dinner at which were gathered all the veteran soldiers from both Houses of Congress. Here at this time James Tanner made his last speech and this is his own record of the occasion: "I spoke for less than 10 minutes, but I epitomized as strenuously as I could in words the demands and conclusions of our joint veteran conference. It was greeted with tumultuous applause. I gathered them all in as grandsons of the Grand Army of the Republic, and they were pleased with that designation. There was seated alongside of me at the table the solitary old Johnny Reb who was present. Judge Charles B. Howery, of Mississippi, a retired judge of the Court of Claims, who wore the gray through our troubles in the sixties, and who had come along in life as strenuous and upstanding an American as any of us. He proudly assured us that in all of our demands and conclusions the grandsons of the commands of Lee and Jackson were with us and of us in full accord. So in the small hours we broke up and rolled away to our respective homes, and if the song of our hearts could have been translated and transmitted to visible expression, I am sure it would have run in unison to the effect: 'And this is the end of a perfect day.'"

And now the shadow of the last day began to approach. To the discomforts and often great pain in the remnants of limbs there had been added in recent years attacks of that most agonizing of affections, facial neuralgia. This latter affection had been held in check by suitable surgical treatment, but now appeared a new source of pain again located in the face and though the local pain was again controlled by surgical means a slow and progressive loss of strength and emaciation indicated the presence of a more profound and general influence which was sapping the

primary sources of life. When his comrades of the Department of New York of the Grand Army of the Republic met in June, for the first time in more than 50 years he was unable to be present and his comrades were called upon to send him a message of sympathy but still of hope. As the summer wore away, the depression became still more profound and when the time for the national encampment approached, it was evident that within a short time the veil of death would fall. Our records contain the resolution which the encampment then sent him. "This encampment greatly misses the presence of a personage which for more than 50 years has unfailingly taken part in the councils of the Grand Army of the Republic. Comrade James Tanner. By his wisdom, his power of speech, his character, the appeal of his maimed body, he has always been a revered leader among us. Now that the overwhelming weakness of increasing years prevents his appearance in his accustomed place, we, his comrades; send him loving greetings, sincere sympathy, and earnest hopes for a return to strength."

Three weeks later, October 2, 1927. James Tanner breathed his last.

LEWIS S. PILCHER.

LOUIS F. ARENSBERG.

FRANK BATTLES,

*Committee.*





# In Memoriam



## COMRADE WASHINGTON GARDNER

Born, Morrow County, Ohio, February 16, 1845.

Civil War record: Enlisted October 27, 1861, Company D, Sixty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry; engaged in battles of Shiloh, Tenn.; Corinth, Miss.; Stone River, Tenn.; Chickamauga, Ga.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Mission Ridge, Tenn.; Rocky Face Ridge, Ga.; Resaca, Ga. In this latter battle he was severely wounded. Mustered out, account of wounds, December 14, 1864.

Grand Army record: Commander Department of Michigan, 1888; commander in chief, 1913; Commissioner of Pensions, 1921 to 1925.

Civil life: Education—After recovery from wounds entered school as follows: Berea, Ohio; Hillsdale, Mich.; Ohio Wesleyan University, degrees of bachelor of arts, master of arts; Albany Law School, Albany N. Y.; Boston Theological Seminary, minister, Methodist Episcopal Church; professor, Albion College, Michigan, doctor of laws. Appointed secretary of state, Michigan, 1894. Elected for two full terms following. Elected to Congress 1899 to 1911. Member Committee on Appropriations. Died, March 31, 1928.

From the foregoing brief statement of the activities of our Comrade Gardner, it will be noted that he maintained a busy, useful, intelligent, faithful part in all walks of life. He was a man of striking figure and a face in which were shown his character and the accomplishments which he achieved.

After his retirement from the office of commander in chief, he was chairman of the committee on legislation and did full well his part to procure passage of legislation by Congress to increase the pension ratings of his comrades of the Civil War and their widows; and also as Commissioner of Pensions he wiped out many of the drastic rules that were in vogue in the Pension Office. He also secured from Congress the law providing for the printing of the journal of the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic by the Government Printing Office.

Comrade Gardner served as a member of the national advisory board of the American Red Cross, president of the Michigan Children's Aid Society, and also the National Children's Aid Society. Last February the city of Albion dedicated in his honor

its new high school, named the Washington Gardner High School, thus honoring itself when it honored him.

We mourn his loss and extend our sincere sympathy to his widow and surviving children. Comrade Gardner was married in 1871 to Miss Anna Lee Powers of Abington, Mass. From this union his widow and five children are living. The children are Carleton, Raymond, Mrs. Harry B. Parker, Mrs. C. A. Kerr, and Mrs. Howard Manchester.

We are thankful that it was our good fortune to be associated with him, and we say—

“Hail! and farewell!  
Until the day breaks,  
And the shadows flee away.”

ELL TORRANCE.

J. W. WILLETT.

OSCAR A. JANES.





## In Memoriam



### WALTER L. FUNK

Comrade Walter L. Funk, inspector general, died at his home in Grand Rapids, Mich., June 12, 1928. He enlisted as a private in Company A, Fourth Michigan Volunteer Infantry, July 25, 1864, and was discharged June 1, 1865. Comrade Funk was appointed senior aide-de-camp on the staff of Commander in Chief Inman in 1925, and it was largely due to his efforts that the national encampments held in Grand Rapids in 1925 and 1927 were so successful.

### GEORGE W. GRANNIS

Comrade George W. Grannis, assistant adjutant general, died at his home in Turlock, Calif., November 18, 1927, aged 80 years. He enlisted in 1863 in Company E, One hundred and ninety-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged at Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1864. Comrade Grannis was elected commander of the Department of California and Nevada in 1924.

### WILLIAM H. COMSTOCK

Comrade William H. Comstock, senior aide-de-camp, died at Fitzsimons Hospital, Denver, Colo., November 26, 1927, aged 78 years. He enlisted in the United States Navy August 5, 1864, and served on the U. S. S. *Great Western*, *Fairy*, and *Pittsburgh* and was discharged December 31, 1865. Comrade Comstock was elected commander of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming in 1917 and had served as assistant adjutant general for many years, holding that office at the time of his death. He had also served as commodore commanding of the National Association of Naval Veterans.



GEO. W. GRANNIS  
Assistant Adjutant General





WILLIAM H. COMSTOCK  
Senior Aide-de-Camp



# In Memoriam



## ARKANSAS

CHARLES C. WATERS, mustered out October 22, 1927  
Department Commander, 1886

GEORGE W. CLARK, mustered out November 7, 1927  
Department Commander, 1899, 1921, 1923  
Assistant Adjutant General—died in office

## CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

C. S. STODDARD, mustered out May 18, 1928  
Department Commander, 1925

## COLORADO AND WYOMING

C. M. BILLS, mustered out February 15, 1928  
Department Commander, 1919

CYRUS A. BROOKS, mustered out March 27, 1928  
Department Commander, 1913  
National Patriotic Instructor, 1914

## DELAWARE

JESSE HELLINGS, mustered out April 14, 1928  
Department Commander, 1907

CHARLES R. LEWIS, mustered out April 15, 1927  
Department Commander, 1924

WILLIAM A. TRUITT, mustered out August 10, 1928  
Department Commander, 1915

## FLORIDA

JAMES F. BULLARD, mustered out January 25, 1928  
Department Commander, 1915





# In Memoriam



## GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA

WILLIAM M. SCOTT, mustered out August 29, 1928

Department Commander, 1902

Junior Vice Commander in Chief, 1907

## ILLINOIS

T. B. COULTER, mustered out June 27, 1927

Department Commander, 1878

PHILIP SMITH, mustered out October 25, 1927

Department Commander, 1924

HENRY C. COOKE, mustered out November 1, 1927

Assistant Adjutant General—died in office

## INDIANA

JACOB H. EPPLER, mustered out December 6, 1927

Chaplain in Chief, 1922

## IOWA

L. J. KRON, mustered out December 5, 1927

Department Commander, 1922

R. L. CHASE, mustered out January 2, 1928

Department Commander, 1920

National Senior Aide-de-Camp, 1921

Assistant Adjutant General, 1925

J. L. FARRINGTON, mustered out July 17, 1928

Department Commander, 1917

National Council of Administration—died in office



# In Memoriam



## KANSAS

IRA F. COLLINS, mustered out November 8, 1927  
Department Commander, 1890

## KENTUCKY

C. C. FURR, mustered out February 4, 1928  
Department Commander, 1924  
E. F. TUCKER, mustered out February 11, 1928  
Department Commander, 1921

## MARYLAND

GEORGE F. WHEELER, mustered out February 23, 1922  
Department Commander, 1889

## MICHIGAN

E. B. FENTON, mustered out November 19, 1927  
Junior Vice Commander in Chief, 1906  
JAMES R. STEPHENSON, mustered out October 14, 1927  
Department Commander, 1926  
LUCIUS H. IVES, mustered out May 2, 1928  
Department Commander, 1916





# In Memoriam



## MINNESOTA

DANIEL J. DODGE, mustered out January 26, 1928

Assistant Adjutant General—died in office

ELWIN Z. RASEY, mustered out September 19, 1927

Department Commander, 1922

THOMAS H. CREVER, mustered out November 15, 1927

Junior Vice Department Commander—died in office

GIDEON S. IVES, mustered out January, 1928

Department Commander, 1900

E. B. WOOD, mustered out January 13, 1928

Department Commander, 1897

CHARLES H. HOPKINS, mustered out March 9, 1928

Department Commander, 1914

ISAAC L. MAHAN, mustered out June 17, 1928

Department Commander, 1903

## MISSOURI

PHIL F. COGHLAN, mustered out October 30, 1927

Department Commander, 1918

SAMUEL D. WEBSTER, mustered out February 29, 1928

Department Commander, 1920

National Council of Administration—died in office

JAMES H. HUNTER, mustered out March 14, 1928

Department Commander, 1922



# In Memoriam



## NEBRASKA

HARMON BROSS, mustered out January 8, 1928

Department Commander, 1904

Assistant Adjutant General—died in office

## NEW JERSEY

ISAAC COLE, mustered out November 18, 1927

Department Commander, 1921

Inspector General, 1925

National Council of Administration—died in office

ADRIAN APPEGET, mustered out August 6, 1927

Department Commander, 1911

SAMUEL G. GARRETSON, mustered out March 2, 1928

Department Commander, 1914

PETER J. LYDECKER, mustered out June 21, 1928

Department Commander, 1923, 1924

W. H. POST, mustered out , 1928

Senior Vice Department Commander—died in office

## NEW YORK

GEORGE W. FLYNN, mustered out February 15, 1928

Department Commander—died in office

WILLIAM M. CHATHAM, mustered out May 20, 1928

Department Commander—died in office

JOSEPH W. KAY, mustered out May 14, 1928

Department Commander, 1899

C. W. COWTAN, mustered out May 10, 1928

Senior Vice Department Commander, 1886





# In Memoriam



## OHIO

THOMAS R. SHINN, mustered out February 2, 1927  
Department Commander, 1899

ARTHUR C. YENGLING, mustered out November 23, 1927  
Department Commander, 1903

DANIEL S. WILDER, mustered out January 23, 1928  
Department Commander, 1923

MERRICK J. SLOAN, mustered out January 24, 1928  
Department Commander, 1921

DAVID F. PUGH, mustered out March 23, 1928  
Department Commander, 1898

## OREGON

H. H. NORTHUP, mustered out September 9, 1927  
Department Commander, 1892

J. L. CROW, mustered out October 10, 1927  
Department Commander, 1924

SAMUEL F. BLYTHE, mustered out May 20, 1928  
Department Commander, 1907

## PENNSYLVANIA

J. I. SHOEMAKER, mustered out August 6, 1927  
Department Commander, 1923

H. H. SPAYD, mustered out October 20, 1927  
Department Commander, 1924

CHARLES MILLER, mustered out December 20, 1927  
Department Commander, 1900

NOAH DIETRICH, mustered out April 5, 1928  
Department Commander, 1917



# In Memoriam



## POTOMAC

JOHN W. REID, mustered out October 30, 1927

Department Commander, 1923

NEWTON FERREE, mustered out February 20, 1928

Department Commander, 1907

## RHODE ISLAND

AUGUSTINE A. MANN, mustered out February 12, 1928

Department Commander, 1917

CHRISTOPHER H. CARPENTER, mustered out June 14, 1928

Department Commander, 1927-28—died in office

## SOUTH DAKOTA

H. P. SMITH, mustered out January 11, 1928

Department Commander, 1924

E. T. LANGLEY, mustered out April 16, 1928

Department Commander, 1890

## TENNESSEE

IGNAZ FANZ, mustered out September 10, 1927

Department Commander, 1910





# In Memoriam



## TEXAS

DEXTER L. WAGNER, mustered out January 10, 1928  
Department Commander, 1926

WILLIAM H. BLAKE, mustered out March 29, 1928  
Department Commander, 1923

## UTAH

FRANK H. HALL, mustered out February 7, 1912  
Department Commander, 1912

## VERMONT

SEYMOUR H. WOOD, mustered out December 30, 1927  
Department Commander, 1905

GEORGE P. MARTIN, mustered out July 10, 1928  
Department Commander, 1915

## VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA

CHARLES H. HABER, mustered out November 30, 1927  
Department Commander, 1910–1928—died in office  
Junior Vice Commander in Chief, 1918

# COMPLETE ROSTER OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

FOUNDED BY DR. BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, AT DECATUR, ILL.,  
APRIL 6, 1866

*First commander in chief*

BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois

ROBERT MANN WOOD, Illinois  
*First adjutant general*

JOHN M. SNYDER, Illinois  
*First quartermaster general*

No official records of membership prior to 1878.

## FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., NOVEMBER 20, 1866

Headquarters established Springfield, Ill.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	STEPHEN A. HURLBURT, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES B. MCKEAN, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT S. FOSTER, Indiana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	D. C. MCNEIL, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM A. PILE, Missouri.
<i>Adjutant general</i> <sup>1</sup> -----	BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	AUGUST WILlich, Ohio.

## SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., JANUARY 15, 1868

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSHUA T. OWEN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN BELL, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> <sup>1</sup> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> <sup>1</sup> -----	T. C. CAMPBELL, Ohio.
<i>Inspector general</i> <sup>1</sup> -----	EDWARD JARDINE, New Jersey.

## THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, MAY 12, 13, 1869

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	S. B. WYLIE MITCHELL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

<sup>1</sup> By amendment to rules and regulations staff officers now appointed.



### FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 11, 12, 1870

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE W. COLLIER, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

### FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., MAY 10, 11, 1871

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES COEY, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM CUTTING, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

### SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, MAY 8, 9, 1872

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. WARREN KEIFER, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROSWELL MILLER, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MILAN B. GOODRICH, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

### SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, NEW HAVEN, CONN., MAY 14, 15, 1873

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. GOBLE, New Jersey.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDWARD FERGUSON, Wisconsin.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HANS POWELL, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	A. WILSON NORRIS, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

### EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, HARRISBURG, PA., MAY 13, 1874

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDWARD JARDINE, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GUY T. GOULD, Illinois.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HANS POWELL, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY R. SIBLEY, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. W. BROWN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

### NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY 12, 13, 1875

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN W. FOYE, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MYRON W. REED, Wisconsin.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. F. ROGERS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

### TENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., JUNE 30, 1876

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspectors general</i> -----	{ W. F. ROGERS, New York. <sup>2</sup> MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

### ELEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PROVIDENCE, R. I., JUNE 26, 27, 1877

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ELISHA H. RHODES, Rhode Island.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

<sup>2</sup> Resigned on being elected department commander of New York.



**TWELFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.,  
JUNE 4, 1878**

Headquarters established New York City. Membership, 31,016.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	PAUL VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HERBERT E. HILL, Massachusetts.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

**THIRTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ALBANY, N. Y.,  
JUNE 17, 18, 1879**

Headquarters established National Military Home, Ohio. Membership, 44,752.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN PALMER, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARRISON DINGMAN, Washington, D. C.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM B. JONES, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ISAAC B. STEVENS, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES W. RAPHUN, Maryland.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. BALDWIN, Ohio.

**FOURTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DAYTON, OHIO,  
JUNE 8, 9, 1880**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 60,634.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDGAR D. SWAIN, Illinois.
<i>Junior commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE BOWERS, New Hampshire.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. C. HAMLIN, Maine.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

**FIFTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,  
JUNE 15, 16, 1881**

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 85,856.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE S. MERRILL, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES L. YOUNG, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CHARLES STYER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

### SIXTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BALTIMORE, MD., JUNE 21-23, 1882

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 134,701.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	PAUL VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. E. W. ROSS, Maryland.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	I. S. BANGS, Maine.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AZEL AMES, Jr., Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	F. E. BROWN, Nebraska.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.

### SEVENTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO., JUNE 25, 26, 1883

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 225,446.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WALTER H. HOLMES, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AZEL AMES, Jr., Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN M. VANDERSLICE, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES A. SANTMYER, Ohio.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM VANDEVER, Iowa.

### EIGHTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., JUNE 23-25, 1884

Headquarters established Toledo, Ohio. Membership, 273,168.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN S. KOUNTZ, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IRA E. HICKS, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM D. HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. M. SHANAFELT, Michigan.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	W. W. ALCORN, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

### NINETEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, ME., JUNE 24, 25, 1885

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 294,787.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL S. BURDETT, Washington, D. C.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SELDON CONNOR, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. LEWIS, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. C. TUCKER, California.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. LEMUEL H. STEWART, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN CAMERON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ARGUS D. VANOSDOL, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	CHARLES H. GROSVENOR, Ohio.



**TWENTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.,  
AUGUST 4-6, 1886**

Headquarters established Madison, Wis. Membership, 323,571.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL W. BACKUS, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDGAR ALLEN, Virginia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AMBROSE S. EVERETT, Colorado.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. C. WARNER, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JACOB M. HUNTER, Ohio.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HENRY E. TAINTOR, Connecticut.

**TWENTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. LOUIS, MO.,  
SEPTEMBER 28-30, 1887**

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 355,916.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	NELSON Cole, Missouri.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. LINEHAN, New Hampshire.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	FLORENCE DONAHOE, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. EDW. ANDERSON, Connecticut.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	DANIEL FISH, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	IRA M. HEDGES, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WHEELOCK G. VEAZY, Vermont.

**TWENTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO,  
SEPTEMBER 12-14, 1888**

Headquarters established Kansas City, Mo. Membership, 372,960.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	MOSES H. NEIL, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH HADFIELD, New York.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	R. M. DE WITT, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. STEPHEN G. UPDYKE, Dakota.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	EUGENE F. WEIGEL, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE S. EVANS, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN B. JOHNSON, Kansas.

**TWENTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,  
AUGUST 28-30, 1889**

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 397,974.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL A. ALGER, Michigan.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. LOVETT, New Jersey.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HORACE P. PORTER, Kansas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. W. H. CHILDERS, Kentucky.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE H. HOPKINS, Michigan.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

**TWENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.,  
AUGUST 13, 14, 1890**

Headquarters established Rutland, Vt. Membership, 409,489.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WHEELOCK G. VEAZEY, Vermont.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	{ RICHARD F. TOBIN, <sup>3</sup> Massachusetts.
	{ GEORGE H. INNIS, Massachusetts.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE B. CREAMER, Maryland.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	BENJAMIN F. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MYRON W. REED, Colorado.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOSEPH H. GOULDING, Vermont.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM LOCHREN, Minnesota.

**TWENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH.,  
AUGUST 5-7, 1891**

Headquarters established Albany, N. Y. Membership, 407,781.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN PALMER, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THAD. S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	BENJAMIN V. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. S. B. PAINE, Florida.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRED. PHISTERER, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN F. PRATT, New Jersey.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Ohio.

**TWENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.,  
SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 1892**

• Headquarters established Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 399,880.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	R. H. WARFIELD, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	PETER B. AYARS, Delaware.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	W. C. WILE, Connecticut.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. D. R. LOWELL, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE L. GOODALE, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.

**TWENTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,  
SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1893**

Headquarters established Lynn, Mass. Membership, 397,223.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN G. B. ADAMS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. G. BIGGER, Texas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE R. GRAHAM, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. A. V. KENDRICK, Iowa.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES F. MEECH, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ANDREW M. UNDERHILL, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.

<sup>3</sup> Died in office.



**TWENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PITTSBURGH, PA.,  
SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1894**

Headquarters established Rockford, Ill. Membership, 369,083.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS G. LAWLOR, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. P. BURCHFIELD, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES H. SHUTE, Louisiana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	O. W. WEEKS, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. H. HAGGERTY, Missouri.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	C. C. JONES, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	MATT H. ELLIS, New York.

**TWENTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOUISVILLE, KY.,  
SEPTEMBER 11-13, 1895**

Headquarters established Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 357,639.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. H. HOBSON, Kentucky.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	S. G. COSGROVE, Washington.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. B. WHITING, Wisconsin.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS C. ILIFF, Utah.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED DARTE, Pennsylvania.

**THIRTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. PAUL, MINN.,  
SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1896**

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 340,610.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THAD. S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN H. MULLEN, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES W. BUCKLEY, Alabama.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. E. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MARK B. TAYLOR, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES E. BURMESTER, Nebraska.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES A. SUYDAM, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALBERT CLARK, Massachusetts.

**THIRTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BUFFALO, N. Y.,  
AUGUST 25-27, 1897**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 319,456.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. S. GOBIN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED LYTH, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANCIS B. ALLEN, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DAVID MCKAY, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. FRANK C. BRUNER, Illinois.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

### THIRTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 5, 6, 1898

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 305,603.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	{ JAMES A. SEXTON, <sup>3</sup> Illinois.
Senior vice commander in chief	W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio.
Junior vice commander in chief	W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio.
Surgeon general	DANIEL ROSS, Delaware.
Chaplain in chief	A. S. PIERCE, Nebraska.
Adjutant general	Rev. DANIEL LUCAS, Indiana.
Quartermaster General	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
Inspector general	FRED W. SPINK, Illinois.
Judge advocate general	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

### THIRTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1899

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 287,918.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	ALBERT D. SHAW, New York.
Senior vice commander in chief	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
Junior vice commander in chief	MICHAEL MINTON, Kentucky.
Surgeon general	WILLIAM H. BAKER, Massachusetts.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. JACOB L. GRIMM, Maryland.
Adjutant general	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
Quartermaster general	EDWARD J. ATKINSON, New York.
Inspector general	NATHAN P. POND, New York.
Judge advocate general	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

### THIRTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL., AUGUST 29, 30, 1900

Headquarters established St. Louis, Mo. Membership, 276,612.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.
Senior vice commander in chief	E. C. MILLIKEN, Maine.
Junior vice commander in chief	FRANK SEAMAN, Tennessee.
Surgeon general	JOHN A. WILKINS, Ohio.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. AUG. DRAHMS, California.
Adjutant general	FRANK M. STERRETT, Missouri.
Quartermaster general	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
Inspector general	HENRY S. PECK, Connecticut.
Judge advocate general	JAMES H. WOLFF, Massachusetts.

### THIRTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1901

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 269,507.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.
Senior vice commander in chief	JOHN McELROY, Washington, D. C.
Junior vice commander in chief	JAMES O'DONNELL, Illinois.
Surgeon general	WILLIAM R. THRALL, Ohio.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. THOMAS N. BOYLE, Pennsylvania.
Adjutant general	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
Quartermaster general	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
Inspector general	W. A. WETHERBEE, Massachusetts.
Judge advocate general	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.

<sup>3</sup> Died in office.



### THIRTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., OCTOBER 9, 10, 1902

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 263,745.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES P. AVERILL, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. W. ACHESON, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. D. B. SHUEY, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN W. SCHALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	F. A. WALSH, Wisconsin.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.

### THIRTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., AUGUST 20, 21, 1903

Headquarters established Chicago, Ill. Membership, 256,510.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. BLACK, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. MASON KINNE, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARRY C. KESSLER, Montana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE A. HARMAN, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WINFIELD SCOTT, Arizona.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES A. PARTRIDGE, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ERWIN B. MESSLER, Iowa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.

### THIRTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 17, 18, 1904

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 247,340.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILMON W. BLACKMAR, <sup>3</sup> Massachusetts
	{ JOHN R. KING, Maryland.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JOHN R. KING, Maryland.
	{ GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee.
	{ E. B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WARREN R. KING, Indiana.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. H. BRADFORD, Washington, D. C.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEE S. ESTELLE, Nebraska.
<i>Judge advocates general</i> -----	{ AMOS M. THAYER, <sup>3</sup> Missouri.
	{ OSCAR L. MOORE, Kansas.

### THIRTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO., SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 1905

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 232,455.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE W. COOK, Colorado.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HUGO PHILLER, Wisconsin.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. F. LEARY, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN TWEEDALE, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	FRANK BATTLES, New Hampshire.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	M. J. CUMMINGS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	CHARLES A. CLARK, Iowa.

<sup>3</sup> Died in office.

**FORTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.,  
AUGUST 16, 17, 1906**

Headquarters established Zanesville, Ohio. Membership, 235,823.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT B. BROWN, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM H. ARMSTRONG, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. B. FENTON, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	W. H. JOHNSON, Nebraska.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Right Rev. JOHN IRELAND, Minnesota.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS W. EVANS, Missouri.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	FRANK L. CAMPBELL, Washington, D. C.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

**FORTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y.,  
SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1907**

Headquarters established Kansas City. Membership, 229,932.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES G. BURTON, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. M. SCOTT, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Right Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JEREMIAH T. DEW, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	L. W. COLLINS, Minnesota.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

**FORTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, TOLEDO, OHIO,  
SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1908**

Headquarters established Jersey City, N. J. Membership, 225,157.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY M. NEVIUS, New Jersey.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. KENT HAMILTON, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES C. ROYCE, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOHN F. SPENCE, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRANK O. COLE, New Jersey.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. HORNADAY, Oklahoma.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	Right Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.

**FORTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH,  
AUGUST 12, 13, 1909**

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 220,600.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL R. VAN SANT, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM R. BOSTAPH, Utah.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. LEMON, Kansas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. DANIEL RYAN, Indiana.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE O. EDDY, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM F. CONNER, Texas.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	RUSSELL R. PEALER, Michigan.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.



### FORTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., SEPTEMBER 22, 23, 1910

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 213,901.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM JAMES, Florida.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN L. SMITH, M. D., Washington.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS HARWOOD, New Mexico.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	EPHRAIM B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	J. S. HOAGLAND, Nebraska.

### FORTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ROCHESTER, N. Y., AUGUST 24, 25, 1911

Headquarters established Chicago, Ill. Membership, 203,410.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	HARVEY M. TRIMBLE, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	NICHOLAS W. DAY, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. OGDEN, Kansas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN D. HANRAHAN, Vermont.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. WYNNE JONES, Maryland.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES R. E. KOCH, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN H. McCLAY, Nebraska.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

### FORTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. SEPTEMBER 9-14, 1912

Headquarters established Bridgeport, Conn. Membership, 191,346.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	AMERICUS WHEDON, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon General</i> -----	L. L. WHITTAKER, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE E. LOVEJOY, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY J. SEELEY, Connecticut.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	J. PAYSON BRADLEY, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	BENJAMIN F. BRYANT, Wisconsin.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

### FORTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 1913

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 180,227.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WASHINGTON GARDNER, Michigan.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS H. SOWARD, Oklahoma.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILLIAM L. ROSS, <sup>4</sup> Maine. A. S. FOWLER, Arkansas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. K. WEAVER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. HORACE M. CARR, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEVI S. WARREN, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	P. H. CONEY, Kansas.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

<sup>4</sup> Resigned.

### FORTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH., SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1914

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 171,335.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	DAVID J. PALMER, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD, <sup>3</sup> Michigan.
	{ W. F. CONNER, Texas.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ W. F. CONNER, Texas.
	{ OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	LEWIS S. PILCHER, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ORVILLE J. NAVE, California.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE A. NEWMAN, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES E. BEACH, Vermont.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HARRY WHITE, Pennsylvania.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CYRUS A. BROOKS, Colorado.

### FORTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 1, 1915

Headquarters established at Cincinnati, Ohio. Membership, 159,863.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELIAS R. MONFORT, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE H. SLAYBAUGH, Washington, D. C.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LE VANT DODGE, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	REUBEN A. ADAMS, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. BENJAMIN F. CLARKSON, Mary- land.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	Dr. JOHN M. ADAMS, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	PATRICK H. CONEY, Kansas.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	URIAH SEELY, New Jersey.

### FIFTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, KANSAS CITY, MO., AUGUST 28 TO SEPTEMBER 2, 1916

Headquarters established at Pittsburgh, Pa. Membership, 149,074.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	W. J. PATTERSON, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM H. WORMSTEAD, Kansas City.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. K. RUSS, New Orleans, La.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. HANNA, Aurora, Ill.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. O. S. REED, Manzanola, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	H. H. BENGOUGH, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES H. HASKINS, California.
<i>Judge Advocate general</i> -----	RALZEMOND A. PARKER, Michigan.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	URIAH SEELY, New Jersey.

### FIFTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 20-25, 1917

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 135,931.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ORLANDO A. SOMERS, Kokomo, Ind.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN L. CLEM, Atlanta, Ga.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN M. VERNON, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN M. ADAMS, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. C. H. FRADY, Helena, Mont.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WILLIAM C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.

<sup>3</sup> Died in office.



### FIFTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, OREG., AUGUST 18-24, 1918

Headquarters established at Lincoln, Nebr. Membership, 120,916.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CLARENDON E. ADAMS, Omaha, Nebr.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN G. CHAMBERS, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHAS. H. HABER, National Home, Va.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CHESTER M. FERRIN, Burlington, Vt.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. PHILIP A. NORDELL, Boston, Mass.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ALBERT M. TRIMBLE, Lincoln, Nebr.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	GEORGE D. KELLOGG, Newcastle, Calif.

### FIFTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 7-13, 1919

Headquarters established at Brooklyn, N. Y., later removed to Columbus, Ohio. Membership, 110,357.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	{ JAMES D. BELL, <sup>3</sup> Brooklyn, N. Y.
	{ DANIEL M. HALL, Columbus, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	{ DANIEL M. HALL, Columbus, Ohio.
	{ CHARLES B. WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	{ CHARLES B. WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif.
	{ ISIDORE ISAACS, New York, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	STEPHEN I. BROWN, Knox, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. W. W. GIST, Cedar Falls, Iowa.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	{ ISIDORE ISAACS, New York.
	{ JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Columbus, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES C. TAYLOR, Newark, N. J.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	HOSEA W. ROOD, Madison, Wis.

### FIFTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SEPTEMBER 19-25, 1920

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 103,258.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE A. HOSLEY, Boston, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. E. GANDY, Spokane, Wash.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. BOSWORTH, Wichita, Kans.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	MAHLON D. BUTLER, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	M. W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.

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<sup>3</sup> Died in office.

**FIFTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.  
SEPTEMBER 25-29, 1921**

Headquarters established at Brooklyn, N. Y. Membership, 93,171.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LEWIS S. PILCHER, Brooklyn, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY A. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	MARSHALL W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE B. SMITH, Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM C. PECKHAM, Brooklyn, N. Y.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	RICHARD A. SARLE, San Francisco, Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

**FIFTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,  
SEPTEMBER 24-29, 1922**

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 85,621.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. S. BRODBENT, San Antonio, Tex.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	Craven V. GARDNER, Rapid City, S. Dak.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE TRYON HARDING, M. D., Marion, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. H. EPPLER, Gary, Ind.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN P. RISLEY, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MARSHALL W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN M. WILLIAMS, California, Mo.

**FIFTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,  
SEPTEMBER 2-8, 1923**

Headquarters established at Van Wert, Ohio. Membership, 76,126.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GAYLORD M. SALTZGABER, Van Wert, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK A. WALSH, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE T. LEECH, Baltimore, Md.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	CHARLES L. SHERGUR, Union Springs, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ANDREW S. BURT, Van Wert, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	OTTO SHIMANSKY, Sandusky, Ohio.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CHARLES O. BROWN, Oak Park, Ill.



### FIFTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 10-15, 1924

Headquarters established at Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 65,382.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS F. ARENSBERG, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Boston, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOSEPH E. HALL, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	CHAS. W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	H. H. BENGOUGH, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE T. LEECH, Baltimore, Md.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

### FIFTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 5, 1925

Headquarters established at Springfield, Ill. Membership, 55,817.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN B. INMAN, Springfield, Ill.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Detroit, Mich.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM O. ALLEN, Newark, N. J.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN GILBERT, Fall River, Mass.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM P. MCKINSEY, Lebanon, Ind.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY B. DAVIDSON, Springfield, Ill.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ISAAC COLE, Maplewood, N. J.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

### SIXTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 19-25, 1926

Headquarters established at Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 47,179.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK A. WALSH, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. BEATTY, Independence, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. H. HASKINS, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	ROBERT W. HILL, Albany, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	{ CHAS. H. HENRY, <sup>4</sup> Eau Claire, Wis. CHARLES KAYSER, <sup>3</sup> Milwaukee, Wis. GEORGE W. MORTON, Berlin, Wis.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE A. HANNAFORD, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	C. D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. G. COCHRAN, Sullivan, Ill.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRANK DAGLE, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.

<sup>3</sup> Died in office.

<sup>4</sup> Resigned.

### SIXTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., SEPTEMBER 11-16, 1927

Headquarters established in State Capitol, Sacramento, Calif. Membership, 38,801.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELBRIDGE L. HAWK, Sacramento, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CALVIN A. BRAINARD, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL E. MAHAN, St. Paul, Minn.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. HENRY A. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, National Soldiers' Home, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WM. H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	C. D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WALTER L. FUNK, Grand Rapids, Mich.
<i>National patriotic inspector</i> -----	Rev. CHARLES W. BLODGETT, Cincin- nati, Ohio.

### SIXTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO., SEPTEMBER 16-21, 1928

Headquarters established in Broken Bow, Nebr. Membership, 32,614.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES E. JEWEL, Fort Morgan, Colo.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY J. KEARNEY, New York, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. S. W. HOPKINS, Lodi, Calif.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, National Mili- tary Home, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. SMITH, McCook, Nebr.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	Rev. CHARLES W. BLODGETT, Cincin- nati, Ohio.





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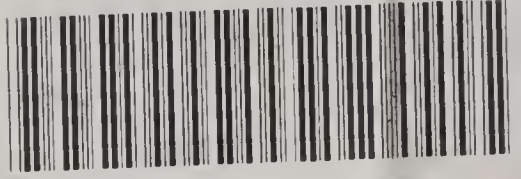
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